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**SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

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Burlingame, California 94010

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August 22, 1970

J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
 United States Department of Justice  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

MARTIN LUTHER KING

Thank you for your reply to my letter of August 10, 1970.

I have read with interest the enclosed article by Mr. O'Leary.

Very truly yours,

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August 17, 1970

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Honorable William S. Broomfield  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
- 1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
- 1 - Mr. M. Jones
- 1 - Mr. P. D. Williams
- 1 - Mr. C. E. Glass

My dear Congressman:

Reference is made to your letter/August 11, 1970.

Enclosed are two copies of a copyrighted article which appeared in "The Evening Star," Washington, D. C., June 19, 1969. The information in this article is a matter of public record regarding the subject about which you inquired.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

*J. M. ...*  
*G. Jones*

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WILLIAM S. BROOMFIELD  
18TH DISTRICT, MICHIGAN

DISTRICT OFFICE ADDRESS:  
1029 S. WASHINGTON  
ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN  
PHONE: 543-2400

Attached correspondence referred  
to the Bureau by the Department  
of Justice 8/12/70

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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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August 11, 1970

Office of Congressional Liaison  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed telegram from my constituent, Jim  
Apsey, of Southfield, Michigan, is forwarded to  
your office for reply.

I would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest  
convenience so that I can reply to [redacted] con-  
cerning the wiretapping of the late Martin Luther's  
telephone.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

*William S. Broomfield*

William S. Broomfield  
Member of Congress

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Martin Luther King*

*W. G. Broomfield*

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**Telegram**

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August 25, 1970

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Columbia, South Carolina 29205

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Dear [REDACTED]

In response to your letter which was received on August 21st, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: There is no record of correspondent in Bufiles.

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[Redacted]  
Columbia, S C. 29205

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover;

As a responsible American citizen I am aroused by statements made by Julia Brown, concerning the involvement of Dr. Martin L. King with the Communist Party of the United States. I would greatly appreciate any documented facts concerning Dr. King's involvement with Communist activities. I am anxiously awaiting your reply.

Sincerely,

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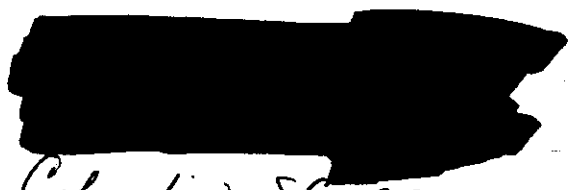
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

*Handwritten initials*

Martin Luther King  
Dear Mr. Hoover; Martin L. King  
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Sincerely,

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August 25, 1970

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Honorable Strom Thurmond  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

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My dear Senator:

I have received your communication of August 17th enclosing a copy of the letter to you from [redacted] of Greensboro, North Carolina.

With respect to [redacted] inquiry, I am enclosing a copy of a copyrighted article which appeared in "The Evening Star," Washington, D. C., on June 19, 1969, which he may not have had an opportunity to read. The information in this article is a matter of public record regarding the FBI's position. I would like to assure [redacted] that the FBI does not engage in blackmail activities and there is not a shred of truth in the allegation that this Bureau blackmailed Martin Luther King.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosure

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NOTE: Senator Thurmond is on the Special Correspondents List. I Bufiles disclose prior correspondence with [redacted] last outgoing 7/10/69.

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**United States Senate**

WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 17, 1970

RE: Attached

TO: Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Sir: *Martin Luther King*

The attached is respectfully referred to you for such consideration as it may warrant and for a report thereon in duplicate, if possible.

Your assistance in enabling me to provide a prompt response to my constituent is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Strom Thurmond*

Strom Thurmond  
United States Senator  
(R. South Carolina)

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**GREENSBORO, N. C. 27410**

August 13, 1970

Senator Strom Thurmond  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Thurmond:

Almost every day one encounters something from the news media that appears to be a direct attempt to discredit Mr. J. Edgar Hoover and the F.B.I.

If the files of the F.B.I. were available as to information gathered about Martin Luther King's extramarital activities, why shouldn't the true and full story be released as to what Mr. Hoover told King on the occasion of King's visit to Mr. Hoover?

We know that President Nixon is the only one who is authorized to release this information, but it isn't believed that the marital information came from the President. The public should be told the truth before the F.B.I. is undermined by those who wish to destroy it.

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Respectfully yours,

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Greensboro, N.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover

I phoned the local F.B.I. in the Dillingham Building and asked them to save the entire issue of the Star-Bulletin with the editorial demanding a denial as only the whole paper shows they didn't print Mrs. King's denial.

Hope you don't think I am poking into your business doing this.

Your admirer,

[Redacted signature block]

Kaneohe, Hawaii

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Martin Luther King

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Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744

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August 12, 1970

Dear President Nixon:

Yesterday I wrote you in regard to the present character smear against Mr. Hoover and the late Rev. Martin Luther King. I enclosed clippings only from the Honolulu Advertiser.

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The Advertiser, with all its faults at least printed the denial by Mrs. King and the Rev. Abernethy, even though it buried it on page 5, and argued with it editorially.

Last night's Star-Bulletin, whose entire editorial section is enclosed, is far far more blatant. They did not publish the denials AT ALL and write editorially as if they do not exist.

True

The heading is "Indefensible if ~~xxxx~~" and it goes on simply to rewrite the accusations of the day before.

"Assuming the accuracy of Time Magazine's report... the FBI is guilty..."

This omission of Mrs. King's and Rev. Abernethy's denials and explanations is deliberate.

A. A. Smyser has boasted to me as he has to other people, "When you work for the Star-Bulletin, you get it right the first time."

A careful search of the fall and decline of this paper since the death of Riley Allen the aged editor who had a great paper would show the depths to which it has descended. ~~Smyser~~ Smyser has a strange warped twisted sense of power. He ~~xxx~~ despises idealism.

I once entered into a rather lengthy correspondence ~~xxxxxxxx~~ with him in regards to writing a column on antiques for the Star-Bulletin, which the Star-Bulletin adv. it needed for a hobby page and which several friends of mine had recommended me for. Smyser's most angry objection to me was that I wrote on the red ribbon of the typewriter instead of the black, and mentioned I had been a dues paying member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and when I explained patiently that this combination didn't really mean I was a communist, but simply the black half of the ribbon was worn out and that the DAR is a patriotic organization I was argumentative to quarrel with him. Writing is an underpaid profession for the most part. Being in the antiques sales end is far more lucrative and I am glad I didn't get involved writing the column. But he was a frightening confusing man to try to talk to or correspond with. He cannot remember, reason or follow anything but the simplest line of thinking. The column I finally wrote that he would have accepted I tested on nine year olds for their understanding first.

Smyser thinks of himself as perfect, the ideal editor for the computer age. He despises William Knowland's method of speech, style of writing and the Oakland ~~xx~~ Tribune itself (which incidently has a great record as a newspaper among old time journalists) as old fashioned.

The final editorial tells a blatant lie about you, President Nixon. It ~~xxx~~ accuses you personally on putting the Manson trial on the front page. The Manson case was on the front page of every paper I saw in Calif. in Nov. and Dec. and I understand from people who were here that it also was the front page story here. You did not refer to it until six months later. (Get it right the first time, Smyser.)

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page two

Please read the editorial demanding an explanation from Hoover. Think of the fact that it refuses to accept any explanation. Here we have ~~as~~ one man's control, (I just phoned Chinn Ho's secretary and he disavows any legal or financial responsibility for anything said in the paper and has no interest in it according to her, that it is all the editor, Smyser.) We didn't discuss what particular thing I objected to. I did think that the corporation might have some financial responsibility in the case of a damage suit. The secretary agreed. I wonder if that call might make Chinn Ho curious enough to actually spend energy reading that stupid rag.

The ~~size~~ damage suit I had in mind would be Mrs. King and the Rev. Abernethy suing the Star-Bulletin over ~~misrep~~ misrepresentation and allegations against Rev. King. The burden of proof lies upon the Star-Bulletin and Time according to my memory of the laws of libel... Only reputable witnesses to a threat by Hoover PLUS the tapes PLUS the proof that King's effectiveness in the movement was hampered would be necessary to prove the ~~acculation~~ accusation of charges... The fact that King effectively ~~lost~~ led the march to Selma AFTERWARDS proves his effectiveness not damaged. (rd)

In short, as I wrote yesterday, I see nothing indefensible about Mr. Hoover. I find the Star Bulletin guilty of out and out lying and misrepresentation and deliberate concealment of news, specifically Mrs. King's denial.

I feel that since both papers have editorially attacked Mr. Hoover, it is not impossible that there is collusion between them and that the joint ownership is responsible. When we have two newspapers, both dedicated to attacking two men, specifically President Nixon and J. Edgar Hoover, both "indefensible", but for God sakes let us never never never goof goof goof like you did and forget that word ~~xxx~~ word alleged in regards to Jesus Charley Mansion.


(I almost forgot about this charming editorial article in the morning newspaper accusing you, President Nixon of being HUMAN and having human emotions. Don't you remember we all went out and elected you GOD?

And the other one attacking James Reston ~~for~~ suggesting the possibility of correcting a tape and getting the word changed so that Mansion's rights would have been protected.

I don't think Mr. Hoover owes anybody an explanation or an apology. I think the nation owes Mrs. King the respect and dignity and right to be believed. And let me make it extremely clear that we want to, and have to believe Mrs. King and the Rev. Abernethy. They are now the moderate non violent way. Unless you happen to think Cleaver, Carmichael and Brown are just cute little Gods.

Sorry to take up your time... I ~~xxx~~ really wonder why I care so... it's simply watching brilliant elderly men die who turn out to be irreplaceable and then everything goes... the way the Star-Bulletin did... and some companies I've held stock in.

Best wishes,

 67(c)

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

CHINN HO Chairman  
ALEXANDER S. ATHLETON President  
PORTER DICKINSON Publisher  
JAMES K. COULEY, JR. Assistant to Publisher  
and Executive Editor  
A. A. SMYSER Editor  
HOBLET DUNCAN Managing Editor

Published at 605 Kapiolani Boulevard / Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813

Tuesday, August 11, 1970

Page A-12

## Crime War Ally

The idea of requesting a federal anti-crime force to probe organized crime in Hawaii is more than just a thought to be pondered—it is an absolute and immediate necessity.

Police officials have all but admitted that they cannot contend with the growing threat of syndicated crime in the Islands. They know who the underworld leaders are, but police are handcuffed by the lack of anything more than circumstantial evidence against these criminals.

The success of the federal crime specialists in such places as Newark, N.J., and California clearly indicates that they can help clean up Hawaii.

Dr. Robert C. H. Chung, Police Commission chairman, noted in his announcement that the City may ask for a federal strike force including judges, attorneys, accountants, auditors, Internal Revenue Service people and other investigators. This force would bring federal law into play to close some of the loopholes that now handicap local enforcement, and add the massive federal resources as a back-up to the local effort.

Organized crime in Hawaii is no infant. It has been developing muscle over the past eight years—and, Police Chief Francis Keala has warned, now threatens to gain holds on legitimate businesses and even politicians.

There is an increasing public awareness at work, however, in the Islands against consciously abetting the underworld.

Since Chief Keala began his campaign earlier this year to make the public conscious of how the syndicate works, there have been reliable reports that the gangland "take" has dropped off.

Small-time gamblers—those who buy into a 50-cent or \$1 football or baseball pool—are aware that most of this money goes to the underworld. Sales of such pools have decreased, sources say.

The Nevada gambling junkets have ended—bleeding off another source of cash for the gambling-oriented syndicate.

Mayor Frank F. Fasi has called on the courts to put prostitutes behind bars. The underworld collects roughly \$4 to \$6 million a year from pimps who control the more than 200 streetwalkers who work Waikiki and Hotel Street.

Deputy Police Chief Charles G. Duarte has said that the federal strike force would be called in if Honolulu police decide they are "unable to handle the situation."

This federal force is readily available. The degree of success which Honolulu police have had in fighting the syndicate is by no measure impressive.

The sooner this outside help is utilized the better.

Subjecting the underworld and its leaders to the scrutiny of federal laws would appear to be one of the quickest ways of halting their operations.

It is no disgrace to ask for outside help in such dire emergencies.

## Indefensible, If True

Assuming the accuracy of Time Magazine's report, which was published in this newspaper yesterday, the supposedly inviolate and incorruptible FBI is guilty of what many Americans fear most in big government today—invasion of personal privacy, and, therewith, intimidation.

The story is this:

The FBI began "bugging" the late Martin Luther King's hotel rooms and tapping his telephone in 1963. The federal agency suspected King of subversion. While it uncovered no subversion, Time says, quoting from a new book by John Williams, "The King God Didn't Save," it "did turn up an astonishing amount of information about King's extensive and vigorous sexual activities."

Time continues:

"Williams has the correct outline of the FBI tape story. What he does not have is precisely what happened at the celebrated meeting between FBI Director (J. Edgar) Hoover and King in 1964.

"Hoover, Time learned, explained to King just what damaging private detail he had on his tapes and lectured him that his morals should be those befitting a Nobel Prize winner. He also suggested that King should tone down his criticism of the FBI. King took the advice. His decline in black esteem followed, a decline scathingly narrated by Williams."

The intent here is not to defend the late Negro leader's personal misbehavior, if any. But, again assuming the correctness of Time Magazine's story, this is what happened:

The Federal Government invaded the privacy of an individual and then browbeat—some people would call it blackmail—the individual into silence. His offense? He had been criticizing this same federal agency for assigning Southern agents, rather than Northerners, to protect civil rights workers in the South.

An official explanation is, of course, due from Hoover. But no matter what the explanation, if the report is correct, his use of official records for the purpose revealed is indefensible and outrageous.

## Page One Fare

Sign of the times:

Not many years ago a court case spiced with blood, mystery and sex automatically won front page attention in an overwhelming majority of American newspapers.

But an Associated Press survey shows that the Manson trial in Los Angeles is winning front page attention today in only about 15 per cent of the papers across the land.

Editors (and it is assumed they try to satisfy their readers' interests) instead are giving top billing to the Middle East, the War in Indochina and the activities of President Nixon. It was the President, in fact, who got the Manson trial onto page one in the Star-Bulletin and in most of the rest of the Nation.

# columnists air views on Nixon's blunder

## all news that's fit?

By FRANK MANKIEWICZ  
and TOM BRADEN

WASHINGTON — Vice President Agnew must be delighted with the newest convert to his struggle against television news — James Reston, Washington columnist and vice president of the New York Times.

Reston set down some of his thoughts the other day, reflecting on President Nixon's statement to a news conference that Charles Manson, now on trial in Los Angeles, was "guilty, directly or indirectly, of eight murders." By the time he was through, Reston had made it clear he stood firmly with Agnew and all the other news manipulators whose aim is to keep a high and lustrous cosmetic sheen between the people and their government.

TO RESTON (and perhaps to other, and less visible, news executives), the problem raised by the incident was not what it revealed about the attitudes of the strict constructionist in the White House but "how to protect the President of the United States in these days of instant news from unintended and potentially damaging blunders during extemporaneous news conferences."

What is one to make of all this? One might think that one way to achieve that protection is not to make the blunder. (After all, how many presidential blunders are intended?) Or, if that course proves too difficult, another might be to hold no extemporaneous news conferences.

But that is not Reston's solution. In support, evidently, of the Agnewian doctrine that no news is good news, he says it is "surprising" that Nixon's staff "did not protect him in time to keep the blunder from going out on national television."

In other words, edit the tape and either keep the Manson statement from the public entirely — a sort of Orwellian unstatement — or edit it in such a way as to convince the public that the President really said something else.

COMING FROM any newsman, the suggestion is astonishing; coming from an executive of the New York Times, it is nearly incredible.

But this is clearly what Reston has in mind. "The interesting thing here," he says, "is that the President's original charge of (Manson's) guilt was not going out on live network television. It was being taped for release later. Thus, the blunder could easily have been corrected before the damage was done."

But Reston is not done. "It is not quite clear why these presidential news conferences cannot always be taped and checked for bloopers before they are released," he continues, presumably relying on New York Timesmen to do their own sensitive editing of background discussions.

AND THEN Reston's final suggestion as to how Americans should perceive their President: "After all, even the football games have instant reply, and even congressmen have the right to revise and extend their remarks in the Congressional Record."

But "instant reply," as everybody — well, almost everybody — knows, is a relayed video tape of what happened, not of something the coach or the player wished had happened. And newsmen, historians and researchers see congressmen's right to edit their remarks in the record as a national scandal.

IT IS SAD TO see this kind of thing. It is true that presidents (and governors and city councilmen and sewer commissioners) often dissemble, and film and tape on television offer grand new opportunities to do so.

One would think Reston would be leading — or at least cheering — the charge in the other direction rather than offering ways for a President to conceal the impact on him of reading all that crime news in the Southern California newspapers.

# hot man wants out

By MAX LERNER

NEW YORK—In every fat man, Cyril Connolly once wrote, there is a thin man shrieking to get out. I add that in every seemingly cool man there is a hot man shrieking to get out. That is true of President Richard Nixon, as witness his obiter dictum on the guilt of Charles Manson.

The rest of Nixon's speech, delivered before the law enforcement officers at Denver, was cool, reflective, full of a seemingly homespun philosophy about westerns and heroes and villains that scarcely concealed the political intent of his law-and-courts message.

BUT IN HIS one remark about Manson being "guilty, directly or indirectly, of eight murders without reason," Nixon let the hot man come sizzling out of the cool one.

For a lawyer like Nixon to prejudge the guilt of a man still on trial was incredible. For him to do it in the midst of an earnest speech about Federal law enforcement puts the whole episode into a Never-Never-Land of amateurism which the later "clarification" by Press Secretary Ron Ziegler, and Nixon's still later clarification of the clarification did little to dispel.

The blooper was, I have said, incredible, but it is not unexplainable. The fact is that Nixon feels deeply about a number of things, especially about success and failure, work and reward, crime and punishment, heroes and villains.

WHAT I AM suggesting is that under the tightly controlled Nixon there is a moralistic Nixon, under the layer of Machiavelli there is a squarer layer of Norman Vincent Peale and Billy Graham. I go beyond that. Under both of them there is an angry man, moved to passions and actions (as all of us are) by the impact of events on his underlying values. Below the layer of cool and below the layer of square there is the impulsive man, shrieking to get out.

Nixon knows all about the rights of defendants and the presumption of innocence, but because of the strength of his feeling his censor—watching over the top layer—nodded and fell asleep and for a fleeting fateful moment the impetuous Nixon took over.



'You have just heard the President of the United States. Please stay tuned for the clarifying statements.'

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August 24, 1970

AIRMAIL

[Redacted]

Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744

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Dear [Redacted]

Your communications were received on August 14th and 18th. I appreciate your kind remarks and expression of support.

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It is contrary to my long-standing policy to forward mail. I am returning the letters and their enclosures and you may send them to President Nixon at The White House, Washington, D. C. 20500.

I would like to assure you that the FBI does not engage in blackmail activities. There is not one shred of truth in the allegation that this Bureau blackmailed Martin Luther King.

Enclosed is a copy of a copyrighted article which appeared in "The Evening Star," Washington, D. C., on June 19, 1969, which you may not have had an opportunity to read. The information in this article is a matter of public record regarding the FBI's position in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Our files disclose no record regarding [Redacted] or [Redacted] Correspondent furnished two communications to President Nixon and in them she discusses the current Martin Luther King controversy and editorializes on the enclosed newspaper clippings in each communication which also concern the King affair and other matters of personal interest.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

(August 14, 1970)

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- MISS HOLMES \_\_\_\_\_
- MRS. METCALF \_\_\_\_\_
- MISS GANDY \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Mr. Hoover -

I wrote a letter to Pres. Nixon which I would like you to read & forward. I would like an address to write Mrs. King & express my admiration & sympathy.

I have been upset by this smear about you for two days, and am trying to get ready to go to Ky. to see my parents & can't get anything done until I mail this.

In the eyes of America you are the tallest man we have.

Much admiration, respect & love to you.

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Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744

August 12, 1970

President Richard Milhous Nixon  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

You made a speech about distortion of the news, and because you omitted the word "alleged" in regard to Mansion's guilt, you were quoted out of context, accused of interfering with Mansion's due civil rights, and our local papers have published pictures showing Charlie Mansion as Jesus, crucified on the cross.

This week we had another jazzy little incident. Both our local papers ran articles accusing J. Edgar Hoover of blackmailing Martin Luther King over his sex life. ~~xxxxxxx~~ These were front page stories. Time magazine was attributed as the source.

This morning, Coretta King's denial, and the denial of the Rev. Ralph Abernethy and other reputable non violence advocates was printed on the ~~main~~ ~~front~~ page, and the reader was referred to one of the most adroitly written pieces of vilification couched to take the responsibility from the paper and blame Hoover, asking for Hoover's resignation.

This is trial by slander and execution by editorial, and you, also have been a victim of the same technique.

The character ~~assassination~~ <sup>assassination</sup> on the dead King was rationalized in the ~~xxx~~ line "assuming it's true" (This in open defiance of Mrs. King's and the other denial) "that truth must come out and man must pay for his transgressions.." (How the HELL is King going to rise up from the grave and pay for anything?) "there can still be real sympathy for ~~xxxxxxx~~ King's widow and children." (SOME sympathy...)

The editorial pretends concern for the rights of the public to be protected against wire-tapping, but only after repeating accusations against Robert Kennedy, John F. Kennedy, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Prince Phillip and Princess Margaret in the guise of ~~x~~ the black author of the book asking why allegations aren't printed against them. ~~x~~ CLEVER. Get your accusation across by asking why somebody isn't accused.

I was momentarily curious, having been served editorially a big dish of g dog shit for breakfast, why they didn't add a little more and ask some questions about local people. Or more live ones. It is extremely difficult to deny anything when one is long rotted like the Kennedys and Marilyn Monroe.

Out of respect for the fantastic number of Southern Baptists in this country who looked upon King as a near God, I would not blame Hoover if he asked him to consider the fact that he was a Nobel prize winner and to protect his reputation. J. Edgar Hoover is ~~ix~~ a man whom all the debunking has only labeled with two faults, sensitivity about his height and liking to watch horse races. It is hard for me to imagine anyone so good, dedicated or hard working. He owns no newspapers. He owns no television stations. He owns no magazines. It was patently impossible for Hoover to spread this slander. The press of America did it, and considering that the alternative to peaceful coexistence is open war between black and white in the streets, this attack on the symbol of non violence is on their hands.

I have worked for newspapers. We were taught to question WHY somebody wanted

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read in the paper. We were taught slogans like the New York Times, "All the News that's fit to print."

Jerry Francois, a negro democrat in San Francisco, mentioned the existence of black revolutionists groups in Reader's Digest. Our local newspapers have not taken cognizance of their existence, and we are assured that there has never been any such thing and no danger exists. (I am tempted to cut clippings from Jerry Rubin's cute little boy speeches about murdering parents and ask the publisher to read as well as publish, but really doubt that it would do any good.)

I believe Mrs. King's denials. I am sure that all of the non violent, religious negro Southern Baptists and Northern Baptists believe her and indeed it is necessary for us that we do.

I think this woman has shown great strength, great courage, a capacity for great goods. No human is probably ever big enough for the cloak of greatness, and it is a trial to anyone who has to put it on.

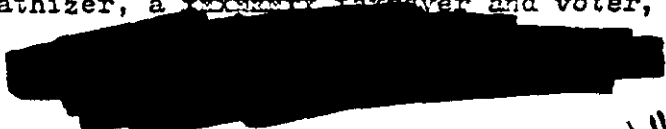
Incidentally, I am very strongly opposed to wire tapping. I do feel that it might conceivably be necessary occasionally to PROTECT people like King, whose dream was important to us all.

I didn't mean to write this much but felt that you might conceivably be interested in the fact that a tired old liberal democrat has listened to your charges of news manipulation and is firmly convinced they are true.

You are aware, of course, that George Washington was fined five shillings in a land dispute case for swearing at the judge so I hope you will forgive me.

Oh yes, I meant to make this a threatening letter. OK. If you let those SOB's manipulate you into allowing a man of Hoover's goodness and greatness to resign, I will personally go ring door bells and actively work for the opposition. (Provided the press of America ~~not~~ leave us with any.)

Best wishes,  
Your friend and sympathizer, a ~~taxpayer~~ taxpayer and voter,



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Incidentally, the editorial uses "alleged" in only part of its accusations.

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## the King affair

Sad and disturbing are words that come to mind on the Time magazine report that Martin Luther King toned down his criticism of the FBI and lost influence after director J. Edgar Hoover confronted him with wiretap evidence that revealed extra-marital activities.

The reports on the activities of the great civil rights leader are not new; indeed, that is part of the concern. But they were not before made front page gossip.

Assuming it's true, that truth should come out and man must pay for his transgressions, there can still be real sympathy for King's widow and children.

**WHAT THE NEW** flareup should be is another weight on the scale of reasons why the aged Hoover ought to retire. The nation should not have to wait until completion in a few more years of Hoover's dream — the much-delayed new FBI headquarters which presently at over \$100 million will be the nation's most costly government building.

For even if Hoover didn't make the threat as reported, the facts of the King wiretap and other reported uses of the information from it are disturbing enough.

King wasn't a subversive by almost anybody's definition. Nor did the wiretaps and buggings of his various rooms seem to produce any unpatriotic connections.

**BUT THE NOBEL** Prize winner and black leader was a growing foe of the Vietnam war, as well as of some FBI activities.

Perhaps writer-investigator I.F. Stone put it most succinctly: "While the excuse for tapping King's phones was 'internal security,' the chief result was to permit the press to spread stories about King's sex life."

In his new book which sparked the current controversy, "The King God

Didn't Save," Negro author John A. Williams pictures the aim of neutralizing King's activities and influence.

Williams puts this in a racial context:

"A black man, I do not have to ask why such 'barnyard gossip' was never circulated about the alleged red-hot romance between Robert Kennedy and Marilyn Monroe. Why should I ask after the alleged extracurricular activities of John F. Kennedy or Dwight D. Eisenhower or Prince Philip or Princess Margaret?"

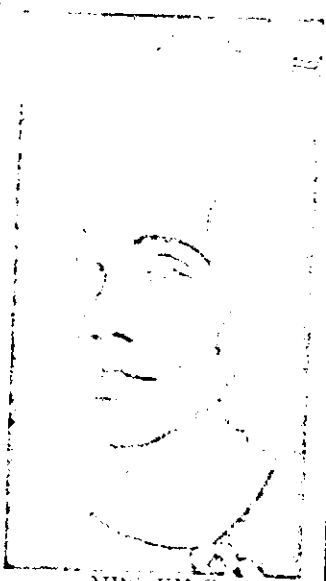
"Anything black people get into motion is going to be monitored, anything, and then, if possible, compromised. That is the way things go in this nation; they always have . . ."

**BUT YOU DON'T** have to be black to see the potential dangers from such invasions of privacy as bugging and wiretapping — dangers to both movements and individuals.

Assume that Hoover didn't do what Time magazine says, or that other FBI officials didn't use the "King tapes" to discredit a great humanitarian leader and prophet of non-violence, as so many sources say they did.

Then you still end up with an awesome potential for evil, for turning gratuitous or non-productive invasions of privacy for the purpose of crime control into various forms of political blackmail in the hands of unscrupulous leaders, local or national.

**IF SOCIETY** only understands that point, and how much privacy has already been invaded by increasing surveillance, then more apathetic citizens might start to realize why so many other "innocents" are concerned and frightened.



MRS. KING

### Mrs. King denies story on wiretap

ATLANTA (UPI) — Three members of Dr. Martin Luther King's staff who attended a meeting between King and FBI director J. Edgar Hoover denied yesterday a Time magazine report that the director confronted King with wiretap evidence of extra-marital activities.

Mrs. Coretta King, in a separate statement, also denied the Time story which said King toned down criticism of the FBI only after

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Hoover showed him tapes which revealed "extensive and vigorous sexual activities."

"The conversation between my husband and Mr. Hoover, which he (King) related to me, do not correspond at all to the Time magazine report," Mrs. King said. "The love, concern and devotion which Martin expressed toward me and the children are our most precious and treasured memories."

THE REV. RALPH D. Abernathy, King's successor as president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the Rev. Andrew J. Young, and the Rev. Walter E. Fauntroy said they were all present during the meeting between Dr. King and Hoover " . . . and at no point did Mr. Hoover lecture Dr. King or ever comment on his personal life."

The statement issued jointly by the three men said, "It is even more bluntly untrue that Dr. King slowed down his activities because he felt threatened. History is the witness here."

They recounted King's civil rights triumphs in Selma, Ala., in 1964, his works toward obtaining key civil rights legislation from Congress in 1965, and other movements by the black leader.

## Hoover confronted him with tapes

# 'other women' in King's life

NEW YORK (UPI) — Time magazine in a news release published yesterday said that Martin Luther King toned down his criticism of the FBI after its director, J. Edgar Hoover, confronted him with wiretap transcriptions revealing extra-marital "activities" by King.

Time said the King-Hoover meeting occurred in 1964 about four years before King was assassinated in Memphis. A report on the meeting is in this week's issue of the magazine.

**KING.** A Baptist minister and Nobel Peace Prize winner, was head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a major group advocating better civil rights for Negroes. His wife Coretta is a leader in the civil rights movement.

Time said that at the 1964 meeting "Hoover explained

to King just what damaging private detail he had on the (wiretap) tapes and lectured him that his morals should be those befitting a Nobel Prize winner. He also suggested that King tone down his criticism of the FBI. King took the advice. His decline in black esteem followed."

Time said its information came in conjunction with a new book on King by John Williams, a Negro, who argues that King was the victim of a plot to manipulate, "castrate and ultimately destroy him."

"**SUSPECTING** that some of his associates had Communist connections, the FBI began tapping King's telephone and bugging his hotel rooms in 1963," the Time press release on the article said.

"From a security standpoint, the wiretaps uncov-

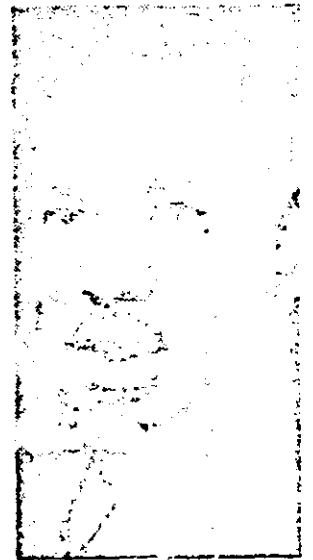
ered nothing. They established no links between King and the Communists.

"But," Williams reports, "they did turn up an astonishing amount of information about King's extensive and vigorous sexual activities.

"**ACCORDING** to one of Williams' sources — identified only as Person B. — Martin and the rest of them had a code. A very attractive woman was called Doctor. I forget the other names for women not so attractive. Williams' informant was a doctor.

"Most newspapers ignored the rumors and leaks to them of King's extra-marital activities, but their existence undetermined King's effectiveness just the same. The effect, said Williams, was one slow political assassination. King was spared it only by the bullet of James Earl Ray."

**RAY WAS** convicted of murder in the King slaying and is serving a life term in prison.



**KING** —

August 20, 1970

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Kittanning, Pennsylvania 16201

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In response to your letter of August 13th, with enclosure, I cannot furnish the specific information you are seeking as data in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice.

I can assure you, however, that the FBI does not engage in blackmail activities. Also, there is not one shred of truth in the allegation that this Bureau blackmailed Martin Luther King.

Enclosed is a copy of a copyrighted article which appeared in "The Evening Star," Washington, D. C., on June 19, 1969, which you may not have had an opportunity to read. The information in this article is a matter of public record regarding the FBI's position in connection with some of your inquiries.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles reveal prior correspondence with [Redacted] and nothing derogatory. Our last outgoing was 5-9-67 in response to his inquiry concerning Martin Luther King and communism. He enclosed a copy of a news article regarding alleged blackmailing of Martin Luther King.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 Washington, D. C. 20000

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The attached article appeared in the Kittanning, Pennsylvania  
 Leader-Times on August 10, 1970. From various sources of in-  
 formation which I have read, I am inclined to believe there is  
 false reporting in the attached article.

Could you clear up this situation by answering the following  
 questions:

1. What is black novelist John Williams' background  
 and with what organizations is he affiliated?
2. Did King meet with you as stated in the article's  
 second paragraph?
3. Were tapes obtained by the FBI of King's conversa-  
 tions?
4. In the last paragraph, it states "From a security  
 viewpoint, the wiretaps uncovered nothing. They  
 established no links between King and the Communists.  
 Is this true?"

On another matter, what was the background of James Earl Ray,  
 what were his affiliations?

Sincerely yours,

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# Martin Luther King Eased FBI Criticism

NEW YORK (UPI)—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., toned down his criticism of the FBI after its director, J. Edgar Hoover, presented King with wire-tapped tapes indicating King's extramarital affairs, Time magazine said Sunday.

King met with Hoover in the FBI director's office in 1964, Time said, where Hoover

"explained to King just what damaging private detail he had on the tapes and lectured him that his morals should be those befitting a Nobel Prize Winner. King took the advice.

His decline in the black esteem followed. . ." Time said.

The statements are in connection with a report of a new book on King called "The King God Didn't Save" by black novelist John Williams.

The book, with the conclusion that King was a failure, states that King "was a black man and therefore always was and always would be naked of power, for he was slow, indeed, unable to perceive the manipulation of white power, and in the end white power killed him."

Time said, "Most newspapers ignored the rumors and leaks to them of King's extramarital activities, but their existence undermined King's effectiveness just the same. The effect, says Williams, was one of slow political assassination; King was spared it only by the bullet of James Earl Ray."

-The incriminating tapes came about, Time said, when the FBI, "suspecting that some of his associates had Communist connections . . . began taping King's telephone and bugging his hotel rooms in 1963.

"From a security viewpoint, the wiretaps uncovered nothing. They established no links between King and the Communists. But, Williams reports, they did turn up an astonishing amount of information about King's extensive and vigorous sexual activities," Time said.

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# THE WORLD TODAY

## Women

THE widow and three former top aides of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. accused Time magazine of printing "gossip and innuendo" of Dr. King's alleged extra-marital sex life. Time said FBI's J. Edgar Hoover confronted Dr. King in 1964 with wiretap recordings which purportedly revealed Dr. King's "extensive and vigorous sexual activities." The three aides — Dr. Ralph Abernathy, the Rev. Andrew J. Young and the Rev. Walter Faunty — said they were present at the meeting; and Mrs. King, in a separate statement, said Mr. Hoover told her of the conversations with Dr. King and they did "not correspond to the Time magazine report."

Rita E. Hauser, U.S. aide on the UN Human Rights Commission, said in a St. Louis speech that state laws requiring prospective marriage parties to be of different sexes are unconstitutional.

The Commercial Car Journal, a trucking industry publication, says the Chicago Teamsters strike that forced a costly reopening in a national contract pact was engineered from prison by Teamster boss James Hoffa. A Teamster official retorts: Just a rumor.

The FCC issued new rules to ensure that broadcasters do not discriminate in hiring policies in regard to race, sex, religion or national origin, and added employment practices would have a bearing on licenses.

## Laws and rules

### Antibooze fight

SPURRED to action by Sen. Harold E. Hughes, D-Iowa, a former alcoholic, the Senate unanimously approved a bill that would provide for spending some \$395 million during the next three years on research and local treatment centers to which courts could send people arrested for drunkenness.

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- Times Herald \_\_\_\_\_
- The Washington Daily News 3
- The Evening Star (Washington) \_\_\_\_\_
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SIXTEEN GOP congressmen proposed a reorganization that would remove the ROTC from campuses and place it on military installations where cadets would train 10 weeks during each of three summers.

Defense attorneys for Army Capt. Jeffrey MacDonald, charged with slaying his wife and two daughters, said at Ft. Bragg, N.C., that a military policeman testified at a closed door hearing that he saw a blond woman headed toward the scene of the slayings. Capt. MacDonald claims his family was attacked by four persons, including a blond.

Costs totalling more than \$200,000 for medical and police services at the three-day pop festival at Mosport, Ont., face promoters as the 55,000 who attended headed for home.

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 Gary, Indiana  
 August 11, 1970

J. Edgar Hoover  
 Director  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Dear Sir:

Radio station W. B. B. M. of Chicago, Illinois, broadcast a news item this morning August 10, in which it quoted your office as having said that your department tapped the telephone wire of the Rev. Dr. Martin L. King. in 1964, and learned of extramarital relations of Rev. King. It stated that you chided him for such action. If this is true, I demand that you turn the tape containing this information over to the N. A. A. C. P. for verification. Otherwise, why would your office wait for two years after his demise to release such information? Why didn't your office release such information before his assassination, so that he could have defended himself against such a charge whether it is true or false. For be it for the F.B. I. to carry on such a smear campaign. Unless this accusation is verified by the N. A. A. C. P. the Negroes of the United States will lose what little respect and confidence it presently has in the F. B. I.

Yours,

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TO : Mr. C. D. Brennan

FROM : G. C. Moore *GC*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
MEETING WITH DIRECTOR  
12/1/64

DATE: 8/10/70

1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - C. D. Brennan  
1 - Mr. Bishop  
1 - G. C. Moore  
1 - Mr. Glass

To advise you of an erroneous account of the meeting between the Director and King. *JOHN WILLIAMS*

The Washington Post, 8/10/70, page 2, contained the attached article regarding a book by John A. Williams on King entitled "The King God Didn't Save." According to the article, Time magazine, in reviewing Williams's book, indicated that the Director confronted King with wiretap information on King's extra-marital activities and as a result King toned down his criticism of the FBI. The Time article is attached. *5-6/8/70*

This account is false. The attached memorandum by C. D. DeLoach dated 12/2/64 regarding the meeting indicates the Director did not mention any wiretap information nor did he refer to King's unsavory personal conduct. As a matter of fact, at the outset of the meeting King told the Director that any criticism of the Director and the FBI attributed to King was either misquoted or an outright misrepresentation. An account of the conference as contained in Mr. DeLoach's memorandum was furnished to the White House by letter dated 12/2/64, copy attached.

Williams, the author, also wrote "The Man Who Cried 'I am'" which contained a fictional account of a Federal plan to terminate the minority threat to America and the free world by evacuating minority groups and eliminating members of minorities in the Armed Services by sending them where they were likely to be killed. Extremists have distributed this account from Williams's book as fact to arouse the Negro community and to recruit extremists.

RECOMMENDATION:

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# Time Says Hoover Confronted Dr. King on Extramarital Actions

NEW YORK, Aug. 9 (AP)—Time magazine says FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover confronted the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1964 with some wiretaps revealing Dr. King's alleged extramarital activities, and the civil rights leader later toned down his criticism of the FBI.

An issue of the magazine released today gives Time's version of the 1964 Hoover-King meeting in an article discussing a new book about Dr. King by novelist John Williams.

In his book, "The King God

Didn't Save," Williams says the FBI started tapping Dr. King's telephone and bugging his hotel rooms in 1963.

Time says Williams reports that the surveillance uncovered no subversion but "did turn up an astonishing amount of information about King's extensive and vigorous sexual activities."

In presenting its version of the Hoover-King meeting, Time said:

"Williams has the correct outline of the FBI tape story. What he does not have is precisely what happened at the

celebrated meeting between FBI Director Hoover and King in 1964.

"Hoover, Time learned, explained to King just what damaging private detail he had on the tapes and lectured him that his morals should be those befitting a Nobel Prize winner. He also suggested that King should tone down his criticism of the FBI. King took the advice. His decline in black esteem followed, a decline scathingly narrated by Williams."

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ones. "The white press," Williams says, "so thoroughly indoctrinated King and his people with the idea that the capitulation of the bus company [following the Montgomery, Ala., boycott] was a victory for the blacks that they believed it; believed, too, that other things would inevitably fall like tin soldiers, all in a neat line."

King, says Williams, suffered from a fatal inability to perceive what was happening to him, and believing in himself, continued to lash out at the white power structure. "He did not understand that it had armed him with feather dusters," Williams writes. "He was a black man and therefore always was and always would be naked of power, for he was slow, indeed unable, to perceive the manipulation of white power, and in the end white power killed him."

But not, Williams believes, without some help from King himself, for King

white society; he compromised. Says Williams: "Compromises that seem to favor black people have always turned out to be defeats for them. 'Political expediency' is nonexistent for Negroes. The demands made must be stood by."

The Doctors. Only toward the end of his career, Williams feels, did King fully understand the realities of power in America and begin to take the steps that would have made him a truly effective leader by seeking to unite the nation's poor across class and color lines against the Viet Nam War. This idea, Williams argues, so threatened the hegemony of the white power structure group that it decided that King must be destroyed.

King unwittingly provided the noose. Suspecting that some of his associates had Communist connections, the FBI began tapping King's telephone and bugging his hotel rooms in 1963. From a se-

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TIME, August 17, 1970  
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### Posthumous Pillory

No black American was so widely honored in his lifetime; yet segregationists denounced Martin Luther King Jr. as a Communist and worse, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover once publicly branded him a liar, and militant blacks eventually came to see him as a "sellout" to the white Establishment. Now a black writer has added yet another—and unlikely—epithet to those fastened on the assassinated leader. In a new book, *The King God Didn't Save* (Coward-McCann, Inc.; \$5.95), Novelist John Williams (*Night Song*, *The Man Who Cried I Am*) calls King a failure.

Full of frustration and seething black anger, Williams' book is both a compassionate catalogue of King's strengths and achievements and an agonizing reappraisal of his weaknesses. Dedicated to the memory of the man Martin Luther King "could have become had he lived," the book argues that King was the complicitous victim of a "white power" plot to manipulate, castrate and ultimately destroy him.

Fatal Inability. Though Williams' work is disorganized and repetitive, its message is clear. Williams believes that white power corrupted and then co-opted King by making him believe that he had power when, in fact, he had none, by granting him minor concessions so that he could not demand major



KING LEAVING HOOVER OFFICE (1964)  
Armed with feather dusters and flawed by hubris.

suffered from the tragic flaw of hubris. An ambitious, middle-class Christian, he sought success and basked in the public recognition that his efforts brought him, says the author, who interviewed many of King's friends and associates in preparing his book. King gloated over a magazine poll that showed him to be the nation's most respected black leader, savored his meetings with presidents and kings, accepted the Nobel Prize as if it were an inalienable right rather than a *gratitude award*.

But he could not, states Williams, relate to the black underclass or understand its impatience with a system that refused to recognize its legitimate demands. Because of this lack of understanding, the angry Williams charges, King did what no black leader can afford to do: he is really to influence

curity viewpoint, the wiretaps uncovered nothing. They established no links between King and the Communists. But, Williams reports, they did turn up an astonishing amount of information about King's extensive and vigorous sexual activities. (According to one of Williams' sources, identified only as Person B, "Martin and the rest of them had a code. A very attractive woman was called 'Doctor.' I forget the other names for women not so attractive." Williams' informant was a Doctor.)

Private Detail. Most newspapers ignored the rumors and leaks to them of King's extramarital activities, but their existence undermined King's effectiveness just the same. The effect, says Williams, was one of slow political assassination: King was spared it only by the bullet of James Earl Ray.

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: December 2, 1964

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

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DATE 2-16-81 BY SP4 JAM/LL

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING  
APPOINTMENT WITH DIRECTOR  
3:35 P.M., 12-1-64

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At Reverend King's request, the Director met with King; Reverend Ralph Abernathy, Secretary of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC); Dr. Andrew Young, Executive Assistant to King; and Walter Fauntroy, SCLC representative here in Washington, at 3:35 p.m., 12-1-64, in the Director's Office.

I met King and his associates in the hallway outside the Director's Office. An attempt was made to rush them directly through the reception room, however, King slowly posed for the cameras and newsmen before proceeding.

Upon being introduced to the Director, Reverend King indicated his appreciation for Mr. Hoover's seeing him then stated that Reverend Abernathy would speak first. Reverend Abernathy told the Director it was a great privilege to meet the distinguished Director of the FBI--a man who had done so much for his country. Reverend Abernathy expressed the appreciation of the Negro race for the Director's fine work in the field of civil rights. He stated that the Negroes had problems, particularly in the South, and, therefore, had requested a discussion with the Director at the very time their people were continuing to "rise up from their bondage."

Reverend King spoke up. He stated it was vitally necessary to keep a working relationship with the FBI. He wanted to clear up any misunderstanding which might have occurred. He stated that some Negroes had told him that the FBI had been ineffective, however, he was inclined to discount such criticism. Reverend King asked that the Director please understand that any criticism of the Director and the FBI which had been attributed to King was either a misquote or an outright misrepresentation. He stated this particularly concerned Albany, Georgia. He stated that the only time he had ever criticized the FBI was because of instances in which Special Agents who had been given complaints in civil rights cases regarding brutality by police officers were seen the following day being friendly with those same police officers. King stated this, of course, promoted distrust inasmuch as the police sometimes "brutalized" Negroes.

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Reverend King stated he personally appreciated the great work of the FBI which had been done in so many instances. He stated this was particularly true in Mississippi. He added that FBI developments in that State have been very significant. The FBI is a great restraining influence. Reverend King denied that he had ever stated that Negroes should not report information to the FBI. He said he had actually encouraged such reporting in many instances. He claimed there were good relationships in many communities, especially Atlanta, Georgia, between Negroes and the FBI. He stated he would continue to strongly urge all of his people to work closely with the FBI.

Reverend King stated he has never made any personal attack upon Mr. Hoover. He stated he had merely tried to articulate the feelings of the Negroes in the South in order to keep a tradition of nonviolence rather than violence. He added that the Negro should never be transferred from a policy of nonviolence to one of violence or terror.

Reverend King said that the Director's report to the President this summer on rioting was a very excellent analysis.

Reverend King advised that Negroes are currently laboring under a very frustrating situation. He stated that, "We sometimes are on the verge of temporary despair." He added that it was a challenge and a duty for him to keep the Negro from coming to a boiling point. He stated that sometimes the cries coming from the Negro represent a real feeling of lonesomeness and despair. He, however, has pointed out that the path to success is nonviolence rather than violence.

Reverend King stated he has been, and still is, very concerned regarding the matter of communism in the civil rights movement. He stated he knew that the Director was very concerned because he bore the responsibility of security in the Nation. Reverend King stated that from a strong philosophical point of view he could never become a communist inasmuch as he recognizes this to be a crippling totalitarian disease. He stated that as a Christian he could never accept communism. He claimed that when he learns of the identity of a communist in his midst he immediately deals with the problem by removing this man. He stated there have been one or two communists who were engaged in fund raising for the SCLC. Reverend King then corrected himself to say that these one or two men were former communists and not Party members at the present time. He then identified "Jack O'Dell" as an example. He stated that he had insisted that O'Dell leave his staff because the success of his organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was far more important than friendship with O'Dell.

The Director interrupted King to state that the FBI had learned from long experience that the communists move in when trouble starts. The Director explained that communists thrive on chaos. The Director mentioned that his riot report to the President reflected the opportunistic efforts of communists. He then stated that communists have no interest in the future of the Negro race and that King, of all people, should be aware of this fact. The Director spoke briefly of communist attempts to infiltrate the labor movement.

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The Director told King and his associates that the FBI shares the same despair which the Negroes suffer when Negro leaders refused to accept the deep responsibility they have in the civil rights movement. He stated that when Negroes are encouraged not to cooperate with the FBI this sometimes frustrates or delays successful solution of investigations. The Director told King that he had personally gone to Mississippi to meet with Governor Paul Johnson inasmuch as there had been practically no liaison between the Department of Justice, the President and the State of Mississippi beforehand. The Director stated that upon meeting Governor Johnson the Governor explained honestly that he was a segregationist, however, abhorred violence. The Director stated that he had told Governor Johnson they had a common meeting ground inasmuch as he was in Mississippi to put an end to violence and brutality. The Director told Governor Johnson that he would like to do this in collaboration with the State Police, however, if the FBI could not receive such cooperation we would do it on our own. The Director then made reference to watermoccasins, rattlesnakes and redneck sheriffs, in that order, who still exist in Mississippi who represent the trashy type of characters who are promoting civil rights violations. The Director told King that we had trained twenty representatives of the Mississippi State Highway Patrol and that this had represented a good move to promote better cooperation and solution of civil rights cases.

The Director told Reverend King that the FBI had put the "fear of God" in the Ku Klux Klan (KKK). He told King that we knew of the identity of the murderers of the three civil rights workers and that these murderers would soon be brought to trial. The Director then spoke of the terror in Mississippi backwoods and of the fact that sheriffs and deputy sheriffs participate in crimes of violence. He summarized by telling King that we, therefore, are under the same strain that sincere Negro leaders are under. The Director added that the KKK constantly damns the FBI and that we have currently been classified as the "Federal Bureau of Integration" in Mississippi.

The Director told King that many cases, which have been brought about as a result of FBI investigation, must be tried in State Court. He spoke of the difficulty in obtaining a verdict of guilty in instances in which white juries are impaneled in cases involving white men. The Director spoke of the KKK involvement in the Lemuel Penn case just outside of Athens, Georgia. He stated this was an outrageous miscarriage of justice in that the defendants, despite the open and shut evidence on the part of the FBI, had been acquitted.

The Director made it clear to Reverend King and his associates that the FBI could not state whether a conviction would be obtained or not in the case involving the murdered three civil rights victims. He stated, however, that the FBI has excellent evidence in this case. The Director then explained that it was most necessary for the FBI not to "jump the gun" unless we had sufficient evidence in which a case could be brought to trial.

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The Director made reference to Reverend King's allegation that the FBI deals or associates with law enforcement officers who have been involved in civil rights violations. He stated emphatically that, "I'll be damned if the FBI has associated with any of these people nor will we be associated with them in the future." The Director explained that the FBI, not only because of the very nature of the law but also because of the background of our investigative employees, was in full sympathy with the sincere aspects of the civil rights movement. He stated that the FBI constantly needs cooperation and assistance in order to solve cases. He added that he made it a point, several years ago, to transfer northern Special Agents to southern offices. He stated that, for the most part, northern-born Agents are assigned civil rights cases in the South. The Director added that he feels that our Special Agents, regardless of where they are born, will investigate a case impartially and thoroughly. He mentioned, however, that it was unfair to the Agent and the FBI to "have a strike against him" in that criticism had been leveled over the fact that southern Agents would not give Negroes a "fair shake." The Director stated that such criticism was entirely unjustifiable and that no case had ever been brought to our attention proving such a fact.

The Director made reference to the recent case in McComb, Mississippi, in which nine men had been charged with burning churches and violence against Negroes. He stated this again was a miscarriage of justice. He added that the judge's decision in releasing the defendants because they had learned their lesson and were merely youths was entirely wrong and that it caused some people to question where youth really began. He explained that some of the defendants had been in their 40's. The Director added that a deal probably, of course, had been made, however, this would certainly not represent any deterrent to future actions of violence by these men.

The Director explained that there is a great misunderstanding today among the general public and particularly the Negro race as to what the FBI can and cannot do in the way of investigations. The Director emphasized that the FBI cannot recommend prosecution or declination of prosecution. He stated that Agents cannot make "on the spot" arrests. He stated that the FBI merely investigates and then the Department of Justice determines whether prosecution be entertained or not. The Director added that the question is sometimes raised why prosecution is not scheduled sooner. He stated this, of course, was not the responsibility of the FBI in any way whatsoever. He pointed out that our civil rights investigations are conducted in a very thorough and expeditious manner once the Department has authorized such investigations.

The Director spoke of the FBI's successful penetration of the KKK. He stated that the FBI has interviewed all members of the KKK in Mississippi and has served notice to these members that if trouble occurs we plan to come to them first. He stated our penetration of the KKK has been as successful as the manner in which we infiltrated the communists and the Soviet espionage services. He stated that our progress in infiltrating the KKK has been so rapid that Klan members now suspect each other and are fighting among themselves. The Director mentioned that we have two confessions in the killing of the three civil rights workers. He added that the Klan in Mississippi has failed to meet for some time because the members of this organization are apprehensive

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as to the identity of FBI informants in their midst. The Director stated he had personally been an enemy of the KKK for a long time.

He spoke of the FBI's case in Louisiana in the late 1920's in which FBI evidence successfully culminated in the conviction of the top Klan leader. He stated the KKK fully concentrated on Negroes, Jews and Catholics, however, concentration now is strictly on the Negro race.

The Director told the group that in the Lemuel Penn case the defendants have recently been indicted and are to stand trial in Federal Court. He stated the trial would begin sometime next week. He mentioned that the same defendants were responsible for beating Negroes and participation in other acts of violence. The Director added that the FBI's success in infiltrating the KKK has been so extensive that we now sometimes know in advance what the KKK plans to do and take preventive measures accordingly.

The Director explained that in Alabama the FBI cannot deal with the Highway Patrol because of the psychoneurotic tendencies of the Alabama Governor. He stated that the State of Georgia has a good Governor and that the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, while not comparable to the Mississippi Highway Patrol, has cooperated with the FBI.

The Director told Reverend King and his associates that FBI representatives have held several thousand law enforcement conferences in which southern police officers have been educated as to civil rights legislation. He stated this has clearly assisted law enforcement, particularly the FBI, however, admittedly, this represents slow progress, but progress nevertheless. He added that this educational campaign will be continued and that it will eventually take hold. The Director gave the example of a Mississippi Sheriff who recently broke a case as a result of FBI training.

The Director made it very clear to Reverend King and his associates that FBI Agents conduct very thorough interviews in civil rights cases. He stated he would like to know immediately if any of our Special Agents ever act in a supercilious manner or if they mishandle a complaint regarding civil rights. He stated that if the facts reflect that our Agent is in the wrong he will be called on the carpet fast. The Director asked that Reverend King or any of his representatives feel free to call the FBI at any time they have such complaints.

The Director told Reverend King he desired to give him some advice. He stated that one of the greatest things the Negro leaders could accomplish would be to encourage voting registration among their people. Another thing would be to educate their people in the skills so that they could compete in the open market. The Director mentioned several professions in which Negroes could easily learn skills. The Director also told King he wanted him to know that registrars in the South were now more careful in their actions. He stated that there were less attempts now to prevent Negroes from

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registering inasmuch as the FBI is watching such actions very carefully. The Director told Reverend King that the FBI was making progress in violations regarding discrimination in eating places. He gave as a specific example a restaurant in Atlanta, Georgia, in which surveillances have taken place to ascertain if out-of-state cars are being served at this particular restaurant. The Director stated he personally was in favor of equality in eating places and in schools. He stated emphatically, however, he was not in favor of taking Negro children 10 or 12 miles across town simply because their parents wanted them to go to a school other than those in their specific neighborhood.

The Director told Reverend King that in due time there will be a complete change in the mores of community thinking in the United States regarding the racial problem. He stated that meanwhile the FBI will continue to handle its responsibilities in a thorough and impartial manner. He reiterated that the FBI cannot encourage prosecution in Federal Court despite the fact that some local courts cannot be trusted. He added that some judges cannot be trusted.

The Director praised the Georgia papers that declared the verdict of the Penn case to be a travesty of justice. He added that the Jackson, Mississippi, papers had contained several editorials deploring violence against Negroes and participation in church burnings. The same editorials declared this was no way to solve racial problems. The Director stated that his statements made at a press conference in Jackson, Mississippi, this summer to the effect that he was in Mississippi to see to it that an end was put to the violence of bombings and burning churches had had some effect upon backwoods terrorists.

The Director told King that he wanted to make it very clear that the question is often raised as to whether the FBI will protect civil rights workers or Negroes. He stated that he has in the past and will continue to answer such questions on the basis that the FBI does not have the authority nor the jurisdiction to protect anyone. He stated that when the Department of Justice desires that Negroes be protected this is the responsibility of U. S. Marshals. The Director reiterated that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency and cannot and will not extend itself beyond legislated jurisdiction. The Director repeated very emphatically that while our investigations are very definitely thorough and impartial he wanted to state once again that if Reverend King or any of his associates ever knew of a Special Agent showing bias or prejudice he wanted to know about this matter immediately.

The Director explained that we have civil rights cases not only in the South but also in the northern cities. He gave examples of New York and Chicago. He stated that there have been some cases in Miami, Florida.

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The Director spoke once again of the necessity of the Negro educating himself in order to compete in manual and professional skills. He mentioned the example of a shoeshine boy in Miami, Florida, who turned out to be, after questioning by the Director, a graduate of Howard University. This shoeshine boy, a Negro, explained to the Director that he could not get a job above the level of shoeshine boy because of the color of his skin. The Director stated this, of course, was wrong and that under no circumstances did he, or anyone in the FBI, share the opinion that the Negro, or any other race, should be kept down. The Director spoke of his pride in Negro Agents and particularly mentioned Special Agent Aubrey Lewis, the former Notre Dame track star who is currently assigned to the New York Division.

The Director spoke of a Miami Special Agent who was transferred to that Office from St. Louis. This Agent explained to the Director on one occasion that he was first a little upset about being transferred to Miami because he felt that his race would be against him. He stated, however, much to his surprise, that the white people in Miami treated him with the greatest of courtesy while people of his own race referred to him as a "fink" simply because he was a representative of law enforcement.

Reverend King interrupted the Director at this point and asked if this same Negro Agent is still assigned to the Miami Division. The Director replied in the affirmative. The Director stated that at a recent dinner Father Hesburgh, the President of Notre Dame University, explained to the Director that his institution had difficulty getting Negroes on the football team because their grades were never high enough. The Director told Reverend King the same thing is true of Negroes who apply for the position of Special Agent. He stated in most instances they lack the qualifications, however, we were very happy to hire any Negro who was qualified for the position. The Director told Reverend King that we, of course, could not let down our qualifications simply because of the color of a person's skin.

The Director told Reverend King and his associates that the problems that he and the Negro leaders have is a mutual problem. He stated in most instances in civil rights matters we have learned that "you are damned if you do and you are damned if you don't." The Director stated nevertheless the FBI would continue to do its job. He stated that we additionally are very proud of 10 or 11 Indian Special Agents and of a number of Special Agents who have Mexican blood in them. He stated that the color of a man's skin makes no difference to the FBI whatsoever, however, we do merit the cooperation and assistance of all groups and it is most unfair when these groups are taught not to cooperate with the FBI.

The Director mentioned that he wanted to make it very plain that the FBI will not tolerate any of our personnel being slapped around. He gave an example of the Lombardozzi case in New York where one of our Agents was jumped by five hoodlums outside a church. He stated these hoodlums were immediately taught a lesson. The Director mentioned that in the war with hoodlums, for every man we lose we make certain, through legal means of course, that the hoodlums lose the same number or more.

DeLoach to Mohr 12-2-64

Re: Martin Luther King, Appointment With Director, 3:35 p. m., 12-1-64

The Director proudly spoke of the ability of Agents to outshoot and outfight hoodlums and other individuals who attempted to take advantage of our personnel. He stated the KKK is afraid to "mix" with our Agents. He mentioned that the Klan was "yellow." He stated they are brave as long as they have the majority with them but afraid when they face an equal number.

The Director spoke of the Mack Charles Parker case in Poplarville, Mississippi. He stated that our evidence in this case had been turned over to Governor Coleman, the then Governor of that State. He mentioned that Governor Coleman was a decent type of individual who had immediately seen to it that a State Court received the evidence contributed by the FBI. The Director mentioned that our evidence in this case was excellent, however, the Grand Jury refused to indict the subjects involved in the lynching of Parker.

The Director told Reverend King that in many instances our Agents have been spit upon, they have been refused food and lodging and many things are done to thwart hard-hitting investigations by the FBI. He stated that nevertheless we continue to gather evidence in an expeditious and thorough manner.

Reverend Abernathy stated that the Negroes have a real problem in tearing down the current system of segregated voting tests in the South. He stated it was most important that there be kept alive in the Negro communities a ray of hope. He stated that the Negro people should not be allowed to fall into an atmosphere of despair.

The Director explained that this was a very important point. He stated that real progress has been made in higher wages, voting registration and housing matters. The Director pointed out, however, that such progress has not been emphasized by the rabblers who constantly attempt to stir up the Negroes against the whites. The Director gave as an example the communist, Epton, in New York City. The Director stated that Epton is sometimes pointed to as a person the Negro should emulate because of his militancy. The Director stated this was wrong and it is also wrong to "mislead" Negroes.

Reverend Abernathy stated that the SCLC does not want Negroes like Epton in their movement. He stated that Reverend King, more than anyone else, has prevented people like Epton and the Muslims from taking over the civil rights movement. Reverend Abernathy stated that actually the Negroes are a part of the Federal Government, therefore, anything that represents the Federal Government is an encouragement to the Negro. He added that even the side of a post office building or a Federal courtroom is an encouragement to the Negro. He mentioned that when a Negro receives information that a case in which he has been brutally mistreated is going to Federal Court he feels encouraged over the fact that he will get a fair trial. Reverend Abernathy continued that the same problem is true when a Negro sees an FBI Agent. He stated that the Negro feels open encouragement inasmuch as the FBI will not only fairly handle his case but will serve as a great deterrent to violence.

DeLoach to Mohr 12-2-64

Re: Martin Luther King, Appointment With Director, 3:35 p. m., 12-1-64

The Director stated that the KKK today is represented by common white trash. He stated that the Klan was actually worse than the Communist Party inasmuch as the Klan resorts to violence while the communists usually emulate termites in their activities.

The Director reiterated that King and his associates should feel free to call him at any time when they have knowledge of possible civil rights violations. King replied that over the past few years he has noted amazing signs of progress in the civil rights field. He stated he has been very surprised to see some communities comply with the new civil rights statutes. He stated there still are some pockets of resistance particularly in the South. He added that the SCLC is planning to stimulate voting registration activities in Selma, Alabama, in the near future. He mentioned that some members of his organization have been successful in infiltrating this white community and have learned there is a great potential for violence in Selma.

The Director interrupted King and briefly detailed five cases in which the FBI has gathered evidence in Selma, Alabama. The Director identified these cases fully, and specifically the case against Sheriff James Clark. The Director mentioned that these cases came about as a result of FBI investigation and that we were continuing our investigations in Selma, Alabama. He mentioned that one case would come to trial on December 9, 1964. The Director particularly made reference to the fact that we have three excellent cases in Selma at the present time.

Reverend King inquired as to whether his representatives should notify the FBI when they arrive in Selma, Alabama. He quickly corrected himself that he knew his representatives should contact the FBI upon arrival, however, he asked the Director what would be the possibilities of FBI Agents being in Selma, Alabama, inasmuch as there appeared to be a potential for violence. The Director specifically asked Reverend King when his activities would take place. Reverend Abernathy indicated such activity would take place around January 1, 1965. The Director clearly explained that FBI Agents would be in Selma, not for the purpose of "protecting" anyone, but for the purpose of observing and reporting to the Department of Justice any possible violations of civil rights that might occur. Reverend King expressed appreciation in this regard.

Reverend King stood up and stated he wished to express his personal thanks for a most fruitful and necessary meeting. The Director told Reverend King that he should get in touch with us at anytime he felt it was necessary.

Reverend King mentioned that there were representatives of the press in the Director's reception room. He turned to me and asked if the FBI planned to make any comment regarding the meeting. I told him that the Director had instructed that we make no comment whatsoever. Reverend King asked the Director if there would be any objections if he read a short prepared statement to the press. The Director told Reverend King this, of course, was up to him.



DeLoach to Mohr 12-2-64

Re: Martin Luther King, Appointment With Director, 3:35 p.m., 12-1-64

In proceeding to the reception room, Reverend King pulled out a press release, hand-written in ink, out of his right coat pocket. This press release obviously had been prepared prior to the time Reverend King arrived at FBI Headquarters. A previous memorandum has been sent through reporting verbatim the comments by King in the Director's reception room.

ACTION:

It is suggested that the attached letter be sent to the President concerning the meeting between the Director, Reverend King and his associates.

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The General Investigative Division, Civil Rights Section, should take due note of the proposed activities in Selma, Alabama, and should instruct the appropriate office to make certain that Agents are on hand to observe activities in Selma, Alabama, on or around January 1, 1965.

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December 2, 1964

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The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Mr. President:

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In response to his request to see me, I conferred for about an hour with the Reverend Martin Luther King in my office yesterday afternoon. He was accompanied by the following members of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of which he is President: Reverend Ralph D. Abernathy, Treasurer; Andrew J. Young, Program Director; and Walter E. Fauntroy, Director of the organization's Washington, D. C., office.

The meeting was most amicable and King indicated that he had requested to see me in an effort to clear up any misunderstandings that we might have. He apologized for remarks attributed to him criticizing the FBI and me with specific reference to Albany, Georgia. He stated that in this connection he had either been misquoted or there had been an outright misrepresentation.

He said that while some Negroes have complained to him that the FBI has been ineffective in investigating civil rights violations, he personally discounts such complaints and said he appreciated the fine work the FBI has been doing in this regard.

He said he had been critical of the FBI only in connection with instances where our Agents, who had been furnished complaints involving police brutality, were, thereafter, observed

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## **The President**

being friendly toward these same officers. He said situations like this serve to breed Negro distrust for the FBI. I advised Reverend King that I was aware that allegations of this nature had been made and that I had looked into the matter. It was determined that these charges were without basis.

Reverend King categorically denied ever having made a personal attack on me and also denied that he had ever instructed Negroes not to cooperate with the FBI. I told him that when Negroes are encouraged not to cooperate with the FBI, the solution of cases is delayed and sometimes frustrated. He said, to the contrary, he encouraged such cooperation. He explained that Negroes in many areas are frustrated. He said he feels it is his duty to keep them from expressing their frustrations through violence. Reverend King made reference to my report to you on the rioting that took place in some of our northern cities last summer. He indicated he considers it an excellent analysis of the situation.

Communist infiltration of the civil rights movement was discussed. Reverend King stated that as a Christian he could never accept communism and that he shared my concern with the problem. He described communism as a "crippling, totalitarian disease." He said that while there are "one or two" former communists currently engaged in fund-raising activities for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, he does not tolerate communists in his organization. He cited the communist background of Hunter Pitts O'Dell and noted that he considered the success of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference more important to him than his friendship with O'Dell. Consequently, he claimed, O'Dell is no longer associated with his organization.

## **The President**

**The problems confronting the FBI in civil rights investigations were explained to the Reverend King in detail. I made it clear to him that cases developed as a result of FBI investigation must often be tried in local courts where there are difficulties involved in getting white juries to convict white defendants in connection with civil rights matters. I cited some of our experiences in this regard.**

**He and his associates were advised of the recent conferences held for local law enforcement officers throughout the United States for the purpose of fully acquainting them with civil rights legislation and their responsibilities in connection with same. I told him that the results of this campaign have been encouraging in the cooperation received.**

**I pointed out to him that there is a great misunderstanding today among the general public and particularly the Negro race as to the FBI's role in civil rights matters. I emphasized that the FBI is an investigative agency, that it cannot recommend prosecution or make on-the-spot arrests where Federal laws have not been violated. He was advised that the FBI will not protect civil rights workers or Negroes because the FBI does not have the authority or jurisdiction to do so. He was also advised that the FBI cannot and will not exceed its authority. Reverend King was told that our investigations are conducted in a thorough and impartial manner, but if he or any of his associates knew of a Special Agent who had shown bias or prejudice, I wanted to know about it immediately.**

**Reverend King indicated that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference is planning to engage in voter registration activities in Selma, Alabama, on or about January 1, 1965, and that he has learned that there could be violence. I told him that our Agents would be on the scene, not for the purpose of rendering protection, but to observe and report to the Department of Justice any possible violations of civil rights that may occur.**

**The President**

Reverend King expressed his gratitude for having the opportunity to meet me. He said he felt our meeting had been a productive one, and I told him to feel free to get in touch with me any time he thought it necessary to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

August 21, 1970

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b7(c) Evanston, Illinois 60202

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter was received on August 17th and I would like to assure you that the FBI does not engage in blackmail activities. Also, there is not one shred of truth in the allegation that this Bureau blackmailed Martin Luther King.

Enclosed is a copy of a copyrighted article which appeared in "The Evening Star," Washington, D. C., on June 19, 1969, which you may not have had an opportunity to read. The information in this article is a matter of public record regarding the FBI's position in this matter.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

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You -- the hero of my childhood.

*M. Gandy*

Do keep up the good work. Perhaps your evidence-gathering will eventually undermine the various criminal syndicates that bleed the innocent and the not-so-innocent, and who can only operate with the help of collusion -- a senator here, a governor there -- a mayor over there -- and a few police here, etc.

But will you lay off the innocent? Martin Luther King.

If indeed you and yours leaked someone's sex-life to the press for the good Lord's sake have the decency to know what constitutes privacy. And what is bad about this is placing a moral judgment on your findings. Or so it is reported. If his sex life was depraved, then he was sick. All the more reason NOT to intimidate a sick man. If his sex life was (as reported) vigorous and healthy, why even that should have been kept private.

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The FBI is desperately needed, even when a rank <sup>and rare</sup> injustice is committed by someone of the Bureau -- whether chief or agent.

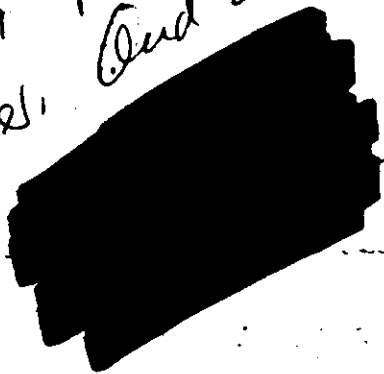
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I am white and would prefer a more harmonious country. How can we achieve harmony, the various races and nationalities coming together -- when a man of peace is attacked for the vigor and abundance of his sex life? This MAKES trouble. It does not serve to clarify. Sincerely, [Redacted]

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If this was indeed  
not the case, please  
ignore my letter. And escape my agencies.



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Tucson, Arizona 85715

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of August 15th, with enclosure, and would like to assure you that the FBI does not engage in blackmail activities. Also, there is not one shred of truth in the allegation that this Bureau black-mailed Martin Luther King.

Enclosed is a copy of a copyrighted article which appeared in "The Evening Star," Washington, D. C., on June 19, 1968, which you may not have had an opportunity to read. The information in this article is a matter of public record regarding the FBI's position in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles disclose limited prior correspondence with [Redacted] last outgoing 11/7/67. We have in the past generally enjoyed cordial relations with this newspaper; however, in 1968 it published an editorial calling for the Director's retirement. Mr. Tolson responded to this editorial on the Director's behalf in a letter dated 12/30/68 to the Executive Editor.

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Tucson, Arizona 85715  
15 August 1970

J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

A significant editorial, "Strange Confrontation," from the Arizona Daily Star of 13 August 1970 is inclosed.

This newspaper can in no sense be considered radical. The preceding editorial, "A Reprehensible Threat", would confirm such a conclusion. MILTON LUTNER

If the story about yourself and King is untrue, I suggest strongly that it is in the best interest of the FBI, as well as in fairness to yourself, that you issue a clarification concerning the alleged wire-tapping and accusation of black-mail.

Over the last several years there appears to have been increasing hostility to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and this feeling is hardly limited to the political left. It seems to me, therefore, that a far more aggressive defense on the part of your agency may be in order.

Inc: Ariz Daily Star  
editorial

Sincerely yours,

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TUCSON, THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 1970

## A Reprehensible Threat

West side residents should sit up and take notice concerning what people who claim to represent all 10,000 of them are trying to do. The west side deserves and must have more recreational facilities. For them to allow any so-called El Rio Coalition Front to take over by force El Rio golf course in the name of all the residents of the west side would be reprehensible.

Councilman Ray Castillo, who, with City Manager Roger O'Mara, Vice Mayor Conrad Joyner and Councilman Michael Borozan, listened to the Coalition Front's demand for El Rio, showed admirable judgment in refusing the demand.

Councilman Castillo properly took the lead in pointing out that to accede to the Coalition Front would be financially impossible, inasmuch as the action would

violate a contract on which only about one-seventh of the payments have been made and which provides for use of the area as a golf course until July 31, 1974 at the minimum.

One of the Coalition Front's representatives is an attorney. He should place himself for honoring contracts and upholding the law, rather than setting himself on the side of forcible takeover.

If the Coalition Front insists on taking over El Rio in defiance of the city, then the city will be forced to review expenditures in the area, as the money the city receives will be reduced.

Meanwhile, among the 10,000 persons whom the Front claims to represent, there must be people with level heads. They should realize how badly some self-appointed representatives are hurting their community.

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## Strange Confrontation

If it is true, as Time magazine says, that J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI, confronted Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with tapes indicating he was having extramarital affairs, and thus forced King to tone down his criticism of the FBI, then Hoover blackmailed King. There is no word any prettier to describe the action.

Hoover, who long since has served his usefulness as head of the FBI and has been harming the agency by his attitude that he is indispensable, has lived long enough to know that stories are told about most public officials. Tales have been told about Hoover himself.

If Hoover confronted King with the idea that the civil rights fight would be sapped and eventually discredited by stories of King's activities, then Hoover

did a further wrong. Some of the greatest causes in history have had mere mortals leading them. Would Hoover similarly have confronted a powerful Southern senator had he obtained information such as that used, so Time says, against King?

Washington is a sordid place in many respects. But its sordidness is largely a magnification of what occurs across the face of America.

There probably does not exist anyone who would wish his or her whole life spread before the public, or passed around to select people as substance of rumor with the intent to destroy.

The story of the Hoover-King confrontation does not do King any good, but it paints a worse picture of a man who, as a symbol of fair law enforcement, now stands tarnished.

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Green Bay, Wisconsin 54303

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of August 10th and the kind remarks about the FBI and my direction of it are appreciated. Also, I am grateful for your comments about my book, "Masters of Deceit."

With respect to your views and suggestions, I am unable to take the action you propose; however, I would like to assure you that this Bureau does not engage in blackmail activities. There is not a shred of truth in the allegation that this Bureau blackmailed Martin Luther King. Enclosed is a copy of a copyrighted article which appeared in "The Evening Star," Washington, D. C., on June 19, 1969, which you may not have had an opportunity to read. The information in this article is a matter of public record regarding the FBI's position in this matter.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Green Bay, Wisconsin

Monday Evening  
10 August 1970

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

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DATE 2-16-81 BY SP4JAM/14

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am writing to express my concern to you about  
a Time article recounting alledged meetings be-  
tween you and Rev. Martin Luther King.

I am a young man, 26, but during those years I  
have felt a great deal of respect for you and  
the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I read with  
admiration and trust your book, The Masters of  
Deceit.

But I feel my respect and admiration have been  
maltreated by your release or the F.B.I.'s re-  
lease of information on Rev. King's private life.  
Regardless of the truth of the news stories, Dr.  
King's personal life, his fidelity or infidelity  
to his wife have little to do the message he left  
with America. I personally am unable to believe  
the accusations placed against his character; but  
independent of these feelings, I am totally with-  
out understanding for the reasons the story was  
released into the media.

I sincerely hope and strongly urge that you per-  
sonally appear before the media to recover all  
that is possible of the integrity of Dr. King's  
reputation. And I urge this for his family's sake  
and for the sake of the many young people in the  
United States who today are crying, even rioting,  
for somebody to believe in.

Please, Mr. Hoover, recover for us a leader - or  
we shall soon die. Hope is fragile.

(Sincerely)

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Irving, Texas 75060

Dear [Redacted]

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I received your letter of August 9th and would like to assure you that the FBI does not engage in blackmail activities. Also, there is not one shred of truth in the allegation that this Bureau blackmailed Martin Luther King.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Irving, Texas  
August 9, 1970 75060  
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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Sincerely,

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August 20, 1970

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Moorestown, New Jersey 08057

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Dear [Redacted]

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I have received your letter of August 12th and would like to assure you that the FBI does not engage in blackmail activities. Also, there is not one shred of truth in the allegation that this Bureau blackmailed Martin Luther King.

While I am unable to comment on your specific questions, I am enclosing a copy of a copyrighted article which appeared in "The Evening Star," Washington, D. C., on June 19, 1969, which you may not have had an opportunity to read. The information in this article is a matter of public record regarding the FBI's position in this matter.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Moorestown, N. J. 08057  
August 12, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Yesterday it was reported in the press that on the basis of wiretap evidence, it was revealed that Martin Luther King, Jr. had "extensive and vigorous sexual activities." (1) Would you please tell me who authorized the release of this information.

(2) Would you please tell me why the information was authorized for release -

(3) If the information was leaked or stolen from the FBI, could you please release to the public the names of the heads of the departments from which it was stolen and if these people are still working in these sensitive, responsible positions.

I have always had complete loyalty and faith in the integrity of the FBI and I have supported the organization. I know you will answer my questions truthfully and honestly and fully.

Sincerely yours,

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Moorestown, N.J. 08057

August 12, 1970

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 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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August 21, 1970

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[Redacted]

Chicago, Illinois 60615

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Dear [Redacted]

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DATE 2-16-87 BY SP4 JRM/MLH

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The telegram from you and your husband to President Nixon was referred to this Bureau and was received on August 18th. I would like to assure you that the FBI does not engage in blackmail activities. Also, there is not one shred of truth in the allegation that this Bureau blackmailed Martin Luther King.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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August 20, 1970

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*J. Mohr*

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[REDACTED]

Snow Camp, North Carolina 27349

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Dear [REDACTED]

In reply to the inquiry in your letter which I received on August 17th, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Snow Camp  
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Dear Sir,

Recently there has been a rash of newspaper articles and news media on television attacking the late Martin Luther King Jr.

I am a United Methodist Ministers wife and am constantly confronted by members of the congregation who read and hear this trash and swear it is true. They insist he is a communist. These are good people who I believe are being brainwashed.

Could you please set us all straight? I know you have the honest facts. Are you allowed to give out this information?

It is very important to me and all Americans to know the facts.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Sincerely,



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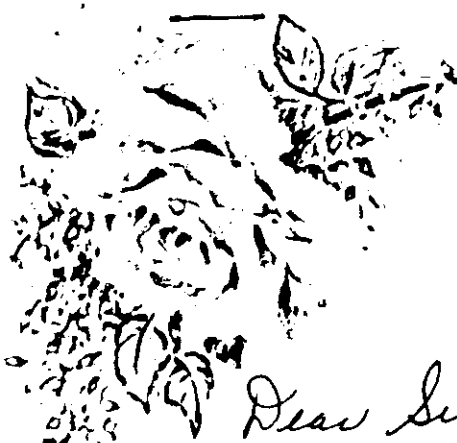
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[Redacted]

Chicago, Illinois 60615

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Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Chicago, Illinois 60615  
 Aug 11, 1970

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
 F B.I. Director  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Preliminaries are unnecessary at this writing, therefore, I will get to the point without a lot of fancy words.

My husband, many friends and I (names, signatures of friends I don't have time to get now), am very resentful of the published statement regarding the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; the one and only great leader Negroes and minorities around the world have ever had during my lifetime.

If, and I say IF, what was published is the truth, why wasn't this mentioned during his lifetime. Why subject his Widow, innocent Children and others of his family to such an untruth. I say "untruth" because I don't believe it now and wouldn't have then.

Dr. King was a man of God who fought non-violently for all poor peoples around the world. Yet, a low character, Hate Sick man shot him down like a dangerous stray dog attacking in the dark.

Why anyone attempt to destroy the image of such a wonderful, well loved man is beyond me. I believed in his way and what he fought for; and the methods used by him as many others do and this untruth will not change this belief.

Those of us sincerely hope a statement will be published reversing this cruel accusation and do pray that God will Help You. Do Pray sincerely for yourself.

I Disgusted,

[Redacted Signature]

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b7(c) Chicago, Illinois 60615  
 Aug 11, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
 F.B.I. Director  
 Washington, D.C.

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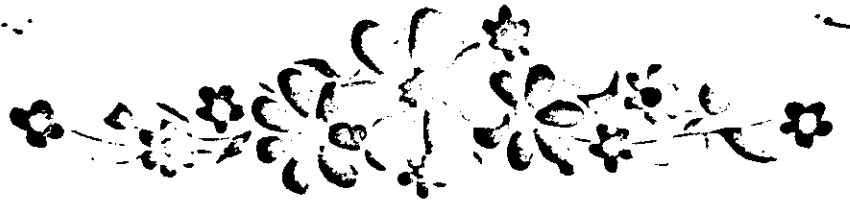
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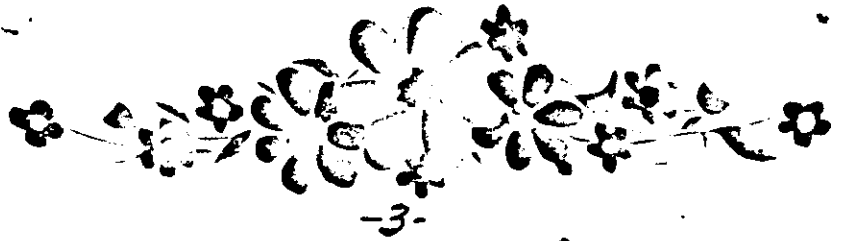
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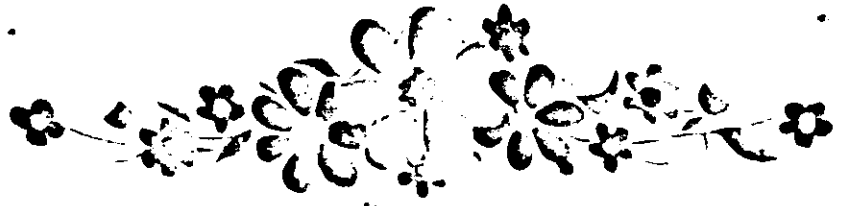
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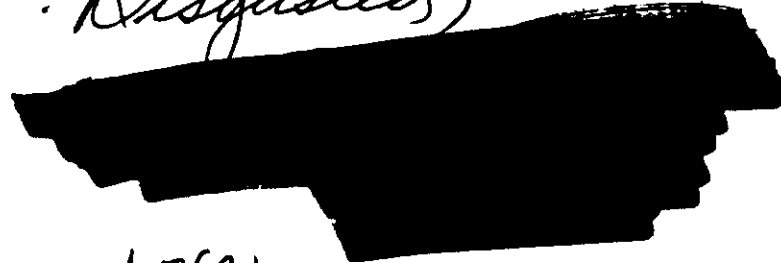
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Disgusted,



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. C. D. Brennan *CD*

FROM : G. C. Moore *GC Moore*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
- 1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop

DATE: 8-13-70

- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
- 1 - Mr. M. Jones
- 1 - Mr. P. D. Williams
- 1 - Mr. C. E. Glass

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To recommend that the attached letter be sent to Congressman William S. Broomfield (Republican-Michigan) in answer to a request by a constituent of Broomfield to know why the FBI had a wiretap on King's phone.

Broomfield is not on the Special Correspondents list. In May, 1958, in the Congressional Record he implied that the FBI was responsible for impounding a bank account in an Ascertaining Financial Ability case. Since that time we have answered his letters such as the current request. However, his requests to meet with the Director and for an autographed picture with the Director have been turned down, the Director indicating he had no intention of honoring such requests from a man who unjustly attacked the Bureau as Broomfield did.

*b7(c)* Our files contain no references identifiable with                      Broomfield's constituent.

OBSERVATIONS:

We have two alternatives on this request. We can cite the confidential nature of our files or furnish him copies of the newspaper article containing the public record in this matter. The latter alternative seems to be desirable.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter enclosing the 6-19-69 "Evening Star" article by Jeremiah O'Leary be furnished to Congressman Broomfield.

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*W.C.S.* *V.P.W.* *5-6-70*

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[Redacted]  
Oak Park, Illinois 60904

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Dear [Redacted]

I received your letter on August 18th and would like to assure you that the FBI does not engage in blackmail activities. There is not one shred of truth in the allegation that this Bureau blackmailed Martin Luther King.

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Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: There is no record of correspondent in Bufiles.

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Aug. 12, 1970

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Oak Park, Ill 60304

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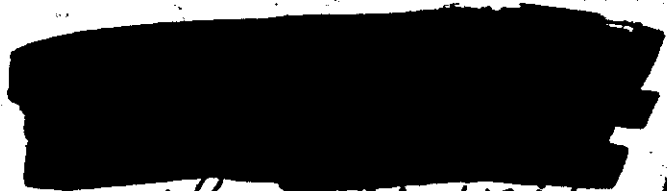
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22 DIRECTOR

August 20, 1970

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[Redacted]

Los Angeles, California 90027

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Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Los Angeles, California 90027  
August 14, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director FBI  
Washington, D.C.

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DATE 2-16-81 BY SP4J/AR/14  
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Since the scandalous report broke in the news, besmirking the character of a dead man and giving great pain to his family, no self-respecting and patriotic person can remain silent and not try, in some small way, to counteract the damage this type of scandal mongering can do to our country.

Dr. King's contributions to the land that he loved was far greater than can be determined in this generation. It is evident to all thinking people that he saved the United States from a great deal of internal conflict when large groups of indignant people who had long-suffered social injustices were prepared to take up arms and resort to a bloody revolution.

I feel that you, who many of us have looked up to with respect and admiration for your past patriotism and dedication to justice, would be respected and admired even more if you took this opportunity to give credit to Dr. King's diligence and self-sacrifice to truly make this "one nation under God indivisible, with liberty and justice for all".

Sincerely,

b7(c) [Redacted Signature]

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Springfield, Illinois 62702

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Dear [Redacted]

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I have received your letter of August 11th and want to thank you for your support and your generous remarks regarding my direction of the FBI. It is hoped my endeavors will continue to merit your approbation. I can assure you that the FBI does not engage in blackmail activities. Also, there is not one shred of truth in the allegation that this Bureau black-mailed Martin Luther King.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Sullivan
- Mr. Mohr
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Springfield, Illinois  
August 11, 1970

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Respectfully yours,



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Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001

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Kalamazoo, Mich. 49001  
Aug. 11, 1970

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J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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What is bothering me is not the gossip nor whether it's true or not. I do not concern myself with personal slanders for political reasons.

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Is this true?

Maybe I'm still naive at 48 but FBI has always been for me almost synonymous with Honor, Integrity, Courage.

A big city "cop" might be good or bad but an FBI man you could count on not to let you down.

Most people who "make cracks" about the FBI are joking because they really believe that in their souls they're the last Knights from the days of chivalry, the one dedicated profession, the ideal police man or detective.

If you did as Williams reports and if you permitted this material to be used for publication, then you have done something which no honest cop on a city beat would have done.

It is worse if it was done by The Chief.

My choice is not to believe it, but I have to ask - and I want to ask you personally, not three quotations removed.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

Kalamazoo, Mich. 49001

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Kalamazoo, Mich. 49001  
Aug. 11, 1970

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J. Edgar Hoover <sup>b07f</sup>  
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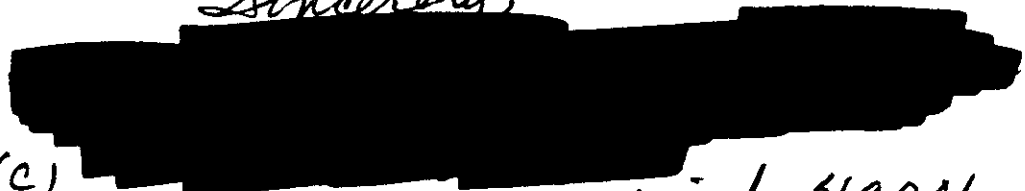
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August 20, 1970

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[Redacted]  
Seabrook, Maryland 20801

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Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter to the Attorney General has been referred to this Bureau and was received on August 14th.

With respect to your comments, I would like to assure you that the FBI does not engage in blackmail activities. Also, there is not one shred of truth in the allegation that this Bureau blackmailed Martin Luther King.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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to Mr. John Mitchell was referred to the Bureau by the Department of Justice 8/14/70.

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August 12, 1970

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Seabrook, Md. 20801

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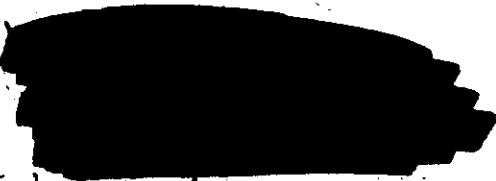
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Seabrook, Md. 20801

17 DIRECTOR

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan

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TO : Mr. C. D. Brennan

DATE: 8/17/70

FROM : G. C. Moore

- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
- 1 - Mr. C. E. Glass
- 1 - Mr. C. E. Enright

SUBJECT: JESSE LOUIS JACKSON  
RACIAL MATTERS

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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6074 DATE 2-16-81 BY SP4 JAM/ld

Pursuant to the Director's request, there is set forth below a summary write-up concerning Jesse Louis Jackson.

Jackson is National Director of Operation Breadbasket, the economic branch of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). It was organized for the purpose of exposing and correcting economic abuses suffered by Negroes and ghetto residents as a result of overcharging by ghetto store owners and to correct alleged discriminatory hiring practices. Jackson was born 10/8/41 in Greenville, South Carolina, and has attended North Carolina A&T College and the Chicago Theological Seminary. He is married and has three children. He joined the SCLC in 1966 and was with Martin Luther King, Jr. when the latter was assassinated. Jackson is frequently mentioned in the press as the heir apparent to King. He has led many civil rights demonstrations in the Chicago area. For the most part he has adhered to a non-violent approach; however, in the Summer of 1969 he spoke at a conference against fascism in Oakland, California, which was sponsored by the Black Panther Party (BPP). Also, in an article containing an interview with him which appeared in the November, 1969, issue of "Playboy" magazine he indicated that he conditionally feels that violence is justified and expressed anti-police sentiments similar to those of the BPP.

On 8/10/70 Jackson held a press conference concerning an article in "Time" magazine regarding the meeting between the Director and King in 1964. During this conference he accused the Director of trying to "whitemail" King and called on President Nixon to "suspend" the Director. Jackson addressed the Atlanta Press Club, Atlanta, Georgia, on 8/13/70, and, referring to the recent "Time" article, declared, "The FBI

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Memorandum to Mr. C. D. Brennan  
RE: JESSE LOUIS JACKSON  
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says it doesn't have enough money for catching dope peddlers, but runs around making stag films." On 8/16/70 Jackson spoke at a Nation of Islam dinner in Chicago, Illinois. He called for all black leaders to join in his call for the suspension of the Director.

OBSERVATIONS:

It is obvious that Jackson is an opportunist and is attempting to enhance his image and gain nation-wide publicity by his recent actions. We can expect more of the same by him in the future and in view of this will remain alert for any situation we might be able to exploit through counterintelligence techniques.

ACTION:

For information. The above is submitted pursuant to the Director's request.

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Mr. Tolson  
 Mr. Sullivan  
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August 13, 1970

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
 Federal Bureau of  
 Investigation  
 Pennsylvania Avenue at  
 Ninth Street  
 Washington, D. C.

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 DATE 2-16-87 BY SP4 JRM/ck  
 6074

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I hope that you are as depressed as I am after releasing to the news media such an appalling statement.

I can't but wonder how anyone could bring it upon himself to attack the personal character of an individual that have won the highest medal of honor in his effort to show love in such a passionate way for all man-kind.

Mr. Hoover it is very hard for me to write this letter because of the anger and sorrow that I have after hearing your slanderous statement.

It takes a very small minded man to do what you have done. Dr. King have been assassinated leaving a widow and some innocent children behind. The only thing that they have as a father is memories that is intangible. I hope that you and your family are very proud of that statement.

Sincerely

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MARTIN LUTHER KING

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[Redacted]

Burlingame, California 94010

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of August 10th and would like to assure you that the FBI does not engage in black-mail activities. There is not one shred of truth to the allegation that this Bureau blackmailed Martin Luther King.

Enclosed is a copy of a copyrighted article which appeared in "The Evening Star," Washington, D. C., on June 19, 1969, which you may not have had an opportunity to read. The information in this article is a matter of public record regarding the FBI's position in this matter.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
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Mr. Brennan	CD ✓
Mr. Callahan	_____
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Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Walters	_____
Mr. Soyars	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

August 10, 1970

Sir,

I fail utterly to see how the private life of Martin Luther King affected the security of the United States of America.

I protest the use of my tax money for such despicable snooping!!!

My wife agrees --

Very truly yours

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Sir,

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I find it hard to  
see how the private life  
of Martin Luther King  
affected the security of  
the United States of America.

I protest the use of  
my tax money for such  
despicable sniping!!!

My wife agrees —

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Very truly yours

[Redacted signature area]

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- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover:  
 Director of the F.B.I.

It seems strange to me that you are still in office, at your age, but what I even more difficult for me to believe is your latest of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. statement concerning Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. I resent the statement not because he was black and the fact that I admired him a great deal, but because the statement was totally unnecessary unless of course your intentions were to throw a little mud on the Convention that started today in Atlanta.

at the S.C.S.C. I might have served a better kept page please

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Way by keeping your  
information of you have  
such in your file.

After all was not his  
Phone-taped, without  
his knowledge?

It seem to me that  
if you and your ~~organization~~  
organization were more  
aggressive in areas where  
you are needed we the  
Citizens of the U.S.A.  
would hear, see, hear  
an experience less  
heinous crimes.

In my humble opinion  
you should step down  
and let a younger man  
more in tune with the  
age in which we live  
step in.

If this extramarital  
relations were true, who  
will have to answer for  
them before our Saviour  
you Mr. F.B.I. or Dr.  
(on next page please)

Martin Luther King Jr.?  
I am sure I will be Dr.  
King if it is true, and  
since you kept quite about  
it while he yet lived, I  
for one would hope you  
know wish you will keep  
quite now.

perhaps you and your  
men don't have enough  
to do, and would like to  
keep the police out on  
the local level. I for one  
could use your help much  
more than I can appreciate  
your statement about Dr.  
Martin Luther King Jr's  
extramarital relations  
you are throwing punches  
now on a very low and  
common level, when you  
consider your position and  
the role of this prophet played  
in our life during your  
life time.

I wonder if this is  
(on next page please)

the only man you have  
gained such information  
as this on? If that keeps  
going then a big favor  
and keep it in the office.  
It will help you more than  
it will help or hurt us.  
Unless you expect a repeat  
performance of the American  
black youth.

Thanks for allowing  
me to express myself  
on this matter.

Yours Truly

[Redacted signature block]

Chicago, Ill. 60615

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P.S. I cannot even receive  
my mail at home or  
where yet. Don't have a  
home, and you have time  
to waste, I a dead  
pile of ashes. We could  
care less

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop *Bow*

DATE: August 18, 1970

FROM : G. E. Malmfeldt *gym*

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] *b7(c)*

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The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend that no acknowledgment be made of a letter received 8/14 from captioned individual.

Bufiles contain no record of correspondent who has written a malicious letter reviling the Director for his treatment of Martin Luther King, Jr. Her letter is apparently based on recent items in the news media and suggests that the Bureau could best direct its energies toward other activities rather than persecuting people such as Dr. King.

In her letter she also states that the Director should retire to let someone more in tune with the times succeed him.

In view of the attitude expressed, which is not questioning but rather positive in its pronouncements, it would appear to serve no purpose to respond to it.

RECOMMENDATION:

That her letter be filed without acknowledgment.

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- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Malmfeldt

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Aug. 11, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover:

Director of the F. B. I.

It seems strange to me that you are still in office, at your age, but what is even more difficult for me to believe is your latest off the cuff statement concerning Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

I resent the statement not because he was Black and the fact that I admired him a great deal, but because the statement was totally unnecessary Unless of course your intentions were to throw a little mud on the convention that started today in Atlanta as the S. C. L. C.

You might have served our nation in a better way by keeping your information, if you have such in your office. After all was not his phone - taped, without his knowledge?

It seems to me that if you and your organization were more aggressive in areas where you are needed we the citizens of the U.S.A. would read, see, hear an experience less heinous Crimes.

In my humble opinion you should step down and let a younger man more in time with the age in which we live step in.

If this extramarital relations were true, who will have to answer for them before our Saviour you the F. B. I. or Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. ? I am sure it will be Dr. King if it is true, and since you kept quite about it while he yet lived, I for one more now that you know wish you will keep quite now.

Perhaps you and your men won't have enough to do, and would like to keep the police out on the local level. I for one could use your help much more than I can appreciate your statement about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's extramarital relations.

You are throwing punches now on a very low and common level, when you consider your position as the role this prophet played in our life during your life time.

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Martin Luther King Jr to Bishop memo  
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I wonder if this is the only man you have gained such information as this one? If not keep doing them a big favor and keep it in the office. It will keep you more than it will help or hurt us. Unless you expect a repeat performance of the American black youth.

Thanks for allowing me to express myself on this matter.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED <sup>Yours Truly</sup>  
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Chicago, Ill. 60615

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P. S. I can not even receive my mail at home or worse yet don't have a home, and you have time to waste, In a dead pile of ashes. We could care-less.

[REDACTED]

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Chicago, Ill. 60615

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director of U.S.A. F.B.I.  
Washington, D.C.

DO-8  
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

August 17, 1970

The attached letter and newspaper clipping were sent to the Director by an anonymous source from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

*V. Tolson*  
MR. TOLSON   
MR. SULLIVAN   
MR. MOHR   
MR. BISHOP   
MR. BRENNAN, C.D.   
MR. CALLAHAN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. CASPER \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. CONRAD \_\_\_\_\_  
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J. EDGAR HOVER  
F.B. 1. BUILDING  
WASHINGTON D.C.



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TOP SECRET

MR. HOVER

I THINK THE PUBLISHING OF Martin  
LUTHER KING'S SEX LIFE WAS NONE OF  
YOUR BUSNISE. JUST TO SHOW THAT

WE MEAN HERE IS A CLIPPING.  
IF YOU THINK YOUR LITTLE PROPAGANDA  
ACT WORKED YOU CAN FORGET IT  
CHARLIE. MILLIONS OF PEOPLE HAVE  
PUT THERE TRUST IN HATE DR. KING  
AND YOUR TRYING TO DESTROY IT.

I AM A WHITE. I LIKE DR. KING.

YOUR A WHITE. YOU HATE DR. KING.

WHY?

ARE YOU PREDJUDEST AGAINST  
THE NEGRO? IF SO YOU SHOULD NOT  
BE WHERE YOU ARE NOW!! DR. KING  
WITH HIS <sup>NEW</sup> VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION  
HE COULD HAVE MADE IT TOUGH  
ON YOU. BUT DID'NT

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THIS IS NOT A THREATING NOTE.  
LIKE DR. KING I BELIEVE IN  
NON VIOLENCE. I WOULD NOT KILL  
ANYONE. BUT MR. HOVER WOULD  
YOU PLEASE GO ON T.V. AND SAY  
TO THE PEOPLE IT HAS BEEN A  
MISTAKE? I AM NOT BRIBING  
YOU IN ANY WAY. I JUST  
WANT PEACE. THAT MARTIN  
LUTHER KING STARTED  
BUT DIDN'T FINISH!!

GIVE MR. KING A GOOD  
NAME IN THE ~~HEARTS~~  
HEARTS OF AMERICA

THANK YOU

# Wiretaps 'revealed' King's loves

NEW YORK (CP) — Time magazine says FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover confronted the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1964 with some wiretaps revealing King's alleged extramarital activities and King later ~~loped~~ ~~over~~ ~~the~~ ~~criticism~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~FBI~~.

An issue of the magazine released Sunday gives Time's version of the 1964 Hoover-King meeting in an article discussing a new book about King by novelist John Williams.

In his book, *The King God Didn't Save*, Williams says the FBI started tapping King's telephone and bugging his hotel rooms in 1963.

Time says Williams reports that the surveillance uncovered no subversion but "did turn up an astonishing amount of information about King's extensive and vigorous sexual activities."

Williams quotes some anonymous source as telling him that King used a code.

"A very attractive woman was called Doctor," the informant is quoted as having said. "I forget the other names for women not so attractive."

## RUMORS IGNORED

Time says: "Most newspapers ignored the rumors and leaks to them of King's extramarital activities, but their existence undermined King's effectiveness just the same."

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- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
- 1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
- 1 - Mr. C. E. Enright
- 1 - Mr. C. E. Glass

To: SAC, Chicago (100-35356)

From: Director, FBREC (100-106670)-3772

PERSONAL ATTENTION

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
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Conduct appropriate discreet inquiries among established sources to determine if any other group or individual was behind the petition circulated by Mrs. Roscoe Beach or if she had the assistance of a group in circulating the petition. It is noted that the petition calls for action previously demanded by Jesse Louis Jackson, national Southern Christian Leadership Conference official in Chicago. Jackson called for prominent black people to support his demands that the Director be suspended and an inquiry made into his suitability. Submit positive information by airtel or more expeditious communication if warranted. u

It is also noted that Mrs. Beach's petition calls for the Director to apologize for pressuring King with wiretap information. This is in direct contradiction to statements all three of King's associates who accompanied him to his meeting with the Director. All three branded as false the charge by Time magazine that the Director used wiretap information to pressure King and said Time "discredited itself in stooping to sensationalism through fiction and irresponsibility." This denial appeared in a UPI release dated 8/11/70. Mrs. Beach is then guilty of the same thing and has

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likewise discredited herself in the eyes of King's associates if logic is applied. Submit your suggestions as to how this may be publicized in the Chicago area such as a letter to the editor of the Chicago Daily News by a reliable contact. u

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Bureau files contain no information identifiable with Mrs. Beach [REDACTED]

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NOTE:

Mrs. Roscoe Beach, a teacher in the Chicago schools, circulated a petition among over 100 prominent Chicago people demanding that the Director be fired and made to publicly apologize for pressuring King with wiretap information. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] A memorandum regarding this petition was prepared on 8/18/70. Also, a mass media release was prepared for approval on 8/18/70 regarding these attacks on the Director based on information which has been branded as false by those present at the meeting during which, the false reports allege, the Director pressured King with wiretap information. The false report was contained in Time magazine, issue of 8/17/70. e

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Date: 8/14/70

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Via **AIRTEL**

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**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI**

**FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-35356)**

**SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SM-C**

DECLASSIFIED BY G. P. H. J. ON 2-16-81

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Enclosed herewith for information of the Bureau is a newspaper article captioned, "100 prominent Chicagoans ask Nixon to fire Hoover," which was set forth in the August 13, 1970, issue of the "Chicago Daily News", a daily Chicago newspaper. u

This article reflects a petition was circulated and signed by more than 100 prominent Chicagoans and the petition has been sent to President Nixon demanding he fire FBI Director J. EDGAR HOOVER. This article also states the petition "calls on Hoover to make an immediate public apology for disclosures that he reportedly used information obtained by wiretapping on the telephone of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to pressure the civil rights leader into toning down his criticism of the FBI". u

The article reflects the circulation of this petition through Chicago's south side community, Jackson Park Highlands, was handled by Mrs. ROSCOE BEACH, a master teacher in the Chicago schools. u

A review of the Chicago Office indices reflects no pertinent identifiable information regarding Mrs. ROSCOE BEACH. u

Contact with logical sources has been negative regarding BEACH. u

Chicago is taking no further action regarding BEACH at this time u

Enclosed newspaper article is being furnished to the Bureau for information purposes. u

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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Memo to Moore, L. C. O. from [unclear] 8-18-70. CEG: EKW



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*signature*

To J. E. Hoover;

When I read in this morning's newspaper that the F. B. I. had tapped Dr. King's phones & had allowed to be published such intimate & personal details about his sexual life, I was incensed. These telephone tapplings & release of this information is another example of 'Big Brother' watching. Then to confront Dr. King & blackmail him with this is absolutely preposterous. You are mistaken if you think Communists are this Nation's biggest threat - the biggest threat is people like yourself.

Sincerely -

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DATE 2-16-81 BY SP4 JML/MML MARTIN LUTHER KING

6526 To J. E. Hoover;

NANCY KOPS  
LOS ANGELES, CALIF

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Sincerely  
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MR. TOLSON \_\_\_\_\_  
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MRS. METCALF \_\_\_\_\_  
MISS GANDY \_\_\_\_\_

Attached anonymous letter was sent to the Director from Stamford, Connecticut. It reads as follows:

"August 11, 1970

Dear Mr. J. Edger Hoover,

After watching last nights news, I have become disgusted with you and your F.B.I. probing. Disclosing such a tale of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his extra-marital relations was done in poor taste.

Retracting that statement about such a honorable and loved man will be appreciated by many Americans.

Sincerely yours,

A concerned Viewer"

ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION  
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August 11, 1970

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Retracting that statement about such a honorable and loved man will be appreciated by many Americans.

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Sincerely yours,  
A concerned viewer

ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION  
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

Washington, D.C.

*C*  
Martin Luther King

DO-6 OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

August 12, 1970

The attached newspaper article with note was sent to the Director by an anonymous source from Washington, D.C. Note reads as follows:

"you are somebody to talk about someone's extra marital affairs. You homosexual"

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*Ma Jones*  
*H. Jones*  
*W. Jones*

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- MR. BULLIYAN \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. [initials] \_\_\_\_\_
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- MR. CALLAHAN \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. CASPER \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. CONRAD \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. FELT \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. GALE \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. ROSEN *Blm* \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. TAVEL \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. WALTERS \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. SOYARS *WJW* \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. JONES \_\_\_\_\_
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# Time Says Hoover Confronted Dr. King on Extramarital Actions

NEW YORK, Aug. 9 (AP)—Time magazine says FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover confronted the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1964 with some wiretaps revealing Dr. King's alleged extramarital activities, and the civil rights leader later toned down his criticism of the FBI.

An issue of the magazine released today gives Time's version of the 1964 Hoover-King meeting in an article discussing a new book about Dr. King by novelist John Williams.

In his book, "The King God

Didn't Save," Williams says the FBI started tapping Dr. King's telephone and bugging his hotel rooms in 1963.

Time says Williams reports that the surveillance uncovered no subversion but "did turn up an astonishing amount of information about King's extensive and vigorous sexual activities."

In presenting its version of the Hoover-King meeting, Time said:

"Williams has the correct outline of the FBI tape story. What he does not have is precisely what happened at the

celebrated meeting between FBI Director Hoover and King in 1964.

"Hoover, Time learned, explained to King just what damaging private detail he had on the tapes and lectured him that his morals should be those befitting a Nobel Prize winner. He also suggested that King should tone down his criticism of the FBI. King took the advice. His decline in black esteem followed, a decline scathingly narrated by Williams."

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-46230)  
SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING  
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On 8/11/70 [redacted]  
telephonically contacted the Scranton Resident Agency and advised he desired to register his concern about an article concerning Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING, wire tapping information regarding Doctor KING's sexual activities. Reverend SUPPE stated he referred to this article as political blackmail. No comment was made and [redacted] was referred to the Bureau if he desired to register his concern.

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Philadelphia indices reflect [redacted]  
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The above for info of Bureau since [redacted] may contact the Bureau regarding above.

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- 1 - 100-46230
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Approved: 31 Special Agent in Charge

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Spokane, Washington 99203

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Dear [Redacted]

In response to your letter of July 9th, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

At a press conference on November 18, 1964, I made the statement that King was the most notorious liar in the country. I did so because he had grossly distorted the facts relating to our Special Agents handling civil rights investigations in the South.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, F.B.I.  
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 2-16-81 BY SP-4 JRM/LL

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There has been lately more talk among the general public that we have instituted a nationwide Martin Luther King day. If even half of what I have read is true the thought of this is enough to make me slightly nauseous! If it is at all possible I would like to hear from somebody relating to the above. Any reports, studies what have you, that can be sent to me or that I can send for somewhere else would be appreciated more than you know.

As I stated before I'm not trying to nail anyone to a cross. I am attempting to seek the truth regarding this man and it has become somewhat of an obsession with me.

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[Redacted]

Abbeville, Louisiana 70510

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of July 10th. In reply to your inquiry, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I have never publicly stated that he was a communist.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Abbeville, La. 70510  
July 10, 1970

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Thank you very much for giving me the truth I need.

Sincerely,

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J. Edgar Hoover  
G. B. I.  
Washington, D. C.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

1-Mr. DeLoach  
1-Mr. Sullivan

1-Mr. Bishop  
1-Mr. Rosen

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TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 6/17/70

FROM : C. D. DE LOACH *CDL*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING

Former Ambassador [redacted] stopped by my office at 3:00 p.m., 6/16/70. He left with me the attached pamphlet regarding the late Martin Luther King. The pamphlet largely concerns King's connections with communism [redacted]

[redacted] wanted to know why such information could not be confirmed by the FBI and given to the general public. I explained to him the confidential nature of our files and the fact that many public sources, particularly the Congressional committees, have information concerning this individual.

[redacted] asked that his best regards be extended to the Director.

ACTION:

For information.

Enclosure

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## THE TRUTH ABOUT A

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### EXCLUSIVE REPORT

■ Contrary to the false image deliberately planned and created by the self-appointed "Opinionmakers" who act as propaganda puppets for the supposedly "factual" and "unbiased" news media —

#### MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS A LYING HYPOCRITE AND A TRAITOR

To be specific, well-hidden facts prove "Reverend" King was a Hypocrite who vilified every ethical and moral principal of Christian theology; a Liar who betrayed his fellow negroes by using them as cannon-fodder pawns to serve his carefully-camouflaged ulterior purpose, treason; a Traitor who used patriotism and religion as false facades to mask his subversive activities in behalf of the ultimate goal of World Communism, the conversion of the United States into a "Soviet America."

The statement will undoubtedly jolt, stagger and/or anger those who have been deceived by one of the most extensive propaganda campaigns ever foisted on the American public . . . The supposedly "unbiased" news media's massive propaganda program that succeeded in deceiving millions of sincere Americans with an endless ersatz publicity campaign that deliberately withheld the truth regarding Martin Luther

King's many Communist activities, while using their position of public trust to continually publicize King as a humble negro minister who rose to a position of international prominence and power by unselfishly dedicating himself to what he called a "Crusade to Achieve Equal Rights for Oppressed Negro Victims of White Racism."

This "Point-Blank" report will shred the false propaganda facade and reveal documented proof that Martin Luther King and his glorified "Crusade" were monstrous frauds. It will also prove "Reverend" King was a well-trained subversive and a top member of the Communist's plan to pervert, cripple and ultimately destroy the United States.

#### PUBLISHER'S NOTE:

• THIS "UP-DATED" ISSUE OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING REPORT (THE FOURTH RE-PRINT) REVEALS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SECURED SINCE THE ORIGINAL EXCLUSIVE REPORT WAS PUBLISHED OVER ONE YEAR AGO. THE ADDITIONAL FACTS RENDER STARTLING CONFIRMATION OF THE CAREFULLY CONCEALED INFORMATION EXPOSED IN THE ORIGINAL REPORT.

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# publisher's comment



JIM CORYELL  
EDITOR/PUBLISHER

The first issue of the "King Report" descended on the public with the pristine grace and gossamer tranquility of a truck falling through a plate glass window . . . This "up-dated" issue, containing many additional well-hidden facts, was published in answer to hundreds of requests for thousands of re-prints of the original report.

Since it was announced this "up-dated" re-print would be published, I have received several grim warnings to "press my luck" . . . Like the same warnings that proceeded the first "King Report," the theatrically grim and always anonymous threats advised me not to publish the report because, if I "caused any more trouble" I would suffer the same "Drastic Consequences" that have befallen others who exposed the subversive vermin hiding behind deceptively pious phony facades while they attempt to pervert, subvert and ultimately destroy America.

The six-year record of this publication proves I don't mind a scrap, and in this instance I would enjoy it . . . An Irish ancestry instilled me with a short-fused bullheaded temperament that has a tendency to become downright antagonistic when some misbegotten sneaks attempt to frighten me with that "Lay-Off Or Else" hogwash.

If this report provokes the Communists and their phony phalanx of obedient puppets, or sends them into fits of goggle-eyed, denture-grinding, white-knuckled rage — frankly, I DON'T GIVE A DAMN . . . I consider these traitors to be filth, and I could never work-up much terror over the contents of a garbage can.

In comparison to the few gutless "telephone terrorists" who talked tough but couldn't pour themselves enough courage to identify themselves, the previous "King Report" drew expressions of praise and encouragement from thousands of people throughout the nation (and several foreign countries). The congratulatory messages bore signatures of mayors, governors, state legislators, U.S. congressmen and senators plus dozens of civic groups, business firms, clergymen and law enforcement agencies.

In the interest of "Fair Play" and to avoid being condemned for committing the heinous sin of stifling a minority voice, I am compelled to confess the written response to the "King Report" was not all favorable. Of the 3,246 responses, 4 were rather vitriolic critiques . . . The dissenting quartet was comprised of an NAACP official, a self-proclaimed member of the Communist Party, a Unitarian minister and an Episcopal bishop.

It was interesting to note that although all four letters were crammed with paint-peeling oaths condemning me for daring to defame "The King," none of the condemnations attempted to deny or disprove a single word of the report or the factual proof confirming King's direct association with avowed traitors and top members of the Communist Party . . . The so-called "Liberals" couldn't deny the truth, so they vented their frustration by condemning me for printing it.

Thousands of "POINT-BLANK" readers will confirm "P.B" is primarily dedicated to revealing the appalling but carefully camouflaged facts regarding the incredibly vast and well-coordinated Communist plan to transform the United States into what they call a "Soviet America" . . . Since treason depends on secrecy and deception, this publication is my attempt to defend my country by attacking its enemies with the only weapons that can defeat traitors—PUBLICITY and EXPOSURE.

As many previously well-hidden facts are exposed, ever-increasing numbers of Americans are discovering their nation is under a deceptive but deadly attack from within its own borders; a well coordinated attack lead by traitors operating on direct orders from the Soviet Union; an attack designed to cripple and ultimately destroy the United States . . . My efforts in helping expose the Communist attack may not deter their treacherous siege, but I have the satisfaction of defending my country with the only weapon effective against treason . . .

I am only one man, but I'll do my damndest. I may not stop the traitors, but by God they'll know I tried.

JAMES R. CORYELL

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**POINT-BLANK**

POINT-BLANK is a first-of-a-kind publication distributed throughout the United States and several foreign countries. "P/B" employs an open-end format covering Business and Politics on local, state and national levels, backed by a large "Miscellaneous" approach that includes anything and anyone.

"P/B" has provoked the ire of individuals and various groups because it is dedicated to the idea the public is entitled to know the TRUTH, instead of the deliberately misleading "slanted" reports that permeate the well-controlled national news media . . . "P/B" does not profess to be "unbiased," but it is FACTUAL, providing a Conservative counterbalance to the ultra Left-Wing propaganda of the national media.

Many of the facts revealed in "P/B" are followed by rather "pointed" opinions. It should be clearly understood the opinions expressed are those of the publisher and in no way reflect the attitudes of the advertisers.

For those who take exception to "P/B," before you go-off the deep-end; consider the following axiom by Omar Khayyam:

*The Moving Finger writes;  
and, having writ,  
Moves on: nor all your Piety  
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Shall lure it back to cancel half  
a Line,  
Nor all your Tears wash out  
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**THE FACE OF TREASON**



■ The massive propaganda campaign to "sell" King was an outstanding success. As a direct result of the news media's coordinated efforts, the obscure young negro minister was skyrocketed into national prominence. The massive publicity endlessly glorified King as a "Patriot" and a noble "Champion of Equality." The continual publicity allowed King to recruit a large following from the ranks of Liberals, underprivileged, malcontents, racists and well meaning but naive segments who rallied to the deceptive "Civil Rights" banner that constantly glowed atop the national limelight flag-staff, whipped by the endless gusts of hot air publicity.

The publicity campaign betrayed the public by deliberately concealing King's extensive Communist activities . . . In short—King's rise to power was a product of a carefully designed, well-coordinated, propaganda campaign that successfully deluded the general public by continually portraying King as a dedicated minister and "Champion of the Oppressed" — while deliberately hiding his extensive activities and direct associations with the Communist Party.

We now plunge into the fetid cauldron of documented facts pertaining to King's many well-hidden Communist activities, but first —: Here's a stiff opener for you Bleeding Hearts, misguided Goody-Goodies and sincere but tragically misinformed folk who are already in the first stages of a white-knuckled slowboil because "Point-Blank" has dared to tarnish the sterling image of a person the news media propagandists have systematically taught you to regard as "Noble Crusader for Equality" and a "Champion of The Great American Way."

Rev. Martin Luther King lead the bloodsplattered "Civil Rights Movermer : " as founder and chairman of the "Southern Christian Leadership Conference" (the "SCLC"). King draped himself with the Stars and Stripes and proudly stated his impressive but rather vaguely titled organization was heroically dedicated to obtaining and upholding the great American "Freedoms" of Equal Rights and Justice.

Our "unbiased" news media, extended truly Herculean efforts to see King and his heroic messages were spread thick over every hill and dale. His "Southern Christian Leadership Conference" was always bathed in true-blue All-American purity, against a solid background of Red, White & Blue . . . Here is a FACT the "unbiased" news media deliberately withheld from the public, and the first of many jolts for those of you who believed the King con job —:

**FACT:** The following statement was rendered in an investigation report of the "Joint Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities" (Report #5, Part 2, pages 125 and 126):

*"The Committee finds that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee are substantially under control of the Communist Party."*

The report made the following statement about King himself —:

*"By connecting himself with Communists, Martin Luther King has cynically betrayed his responsibilities as a Christian minister and the political leader of a large number of people — It is the hope of this committee that this report will enlighten his followers and supporters as to true allegiance (Communist) and purposes."*

This legislative report is only one of dozens of state and federal investigations that revealed the well hidden, never publicized, facts regarding King's extensive Communist activities . . . These reports are not wild accusations, they are documented statements of FACT, rendered by responsible representatives of duly authorized governmental agencies; including the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Un-American Activities, the U.S. Senate Internal Security Comm., the U.S. Dept. of Justice and the F.B.I.

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*U.S. House of Representatives Report #5, Part 2, pages 125 and 126*



Why did the various elements of the national news media betray the public by presenting a well-trained subversive as loyal patriot? Check the following facts and make your own conclusions.

From the moment of King's death this nation was plunged into a remarkable demonstration of the awesome power of mass propaganda. The national press and television news media that made King a phony Messiah deluged the public with a massive, almost frenzied, display of maudlin emotionalism — and **DELIBERATE LIES.**

The ultra-Liberal news media unleashed a two-week tidal wave of tear-streaked eulogies overflowing with reverent worship that glorified King as a "dedicated patriot," struck down as he led a "noble crusade" to lift the "down-trodden and oppressed" from what he called the "oppression of White supremacy."

Mayors, governors, senators and vote hungry politicians of every level eagerly joined opportunists of every description plus subversives and the sincere but misinformed who reacted to the mass propaganda and vied with each other to lend their sorrowful praise to the monumental fraud. Public leaders who had repeatedly denounced King as a rabble-rouser and instigator of violence and revolution, suddenly eulogized him as a great apostle of love. Even the President scurried to get into the phony sideshow.

The phony publicity snowball grew to fantastic proportions as it careened toward its carefully planned climax. King, the apostle of Riots, Ruin and Revolution was hailed in the tabloids, on TV, on theatre screens and in quaking orations from pulpits, classrooms and government chambers . . . the rot-peddling reverend was transformed from a "civil rights leader" into a sterling Messiah and "one of the greatest leaders in the history of mankind."

The publicity-splashed fraud reached its Herculean climax with the well-rehearsed mass funeral rally. The mourning multitude was a "Must" for every vote-conscious major political candidate, who rubbed shoulders with a battalion of publicity hungry show biz folk — and many of the top Communists in the country.

The news media saw to it that their propaganda campaign received a **Sock Finish** . . . The funeral rally consumed the front page of every paper, while the television networks surpassed themselves by providing **NINE SOLID HOURS** of across-the-board TV coverage.

Never before did a traitor receive such a massive tribute from the nation he betrayed — Lyndon Johnson established a "Low" in history when he used his presidential authority to order every American flag to half-mast in a gesture of national mourning for King.

Never in the history of the world had a national leader ordered his nation to honor a traitor who maligned, dishonored and continually assisted a subversive plan to destroy the nation that honored him.

The grandiose self-styled "Messiah" was a monumental fraud, egotistical hypocrite and a vicious liar who deliberately exploited his own race in a calculated plan to betray his country . . . While posing as a "Man of God" the arrogant "minister" disgraced the basic Christian concepts by deliberately inciting violence. He preached "brotherhood" and provoked bloodshed.

## MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS A TRAITOR

That statement is not an accusation, a rumor or "hearsay" . . . It is **FACT.**

Regular readers know this publication has never been sued for libel during its 6-year lifetime, because every factual statement is supported by proof. Keep this in mind as you read.

Here are the well-hidden staggering facts that prove Martin Luther King was one of the top traitors in the Communist movement.

The facts regarding King's association with the Communist Party and other subversives were not obtained from mysterious, nameless informants or "secret sources." Many of the following facts were supplied by dozens of reports from the U.S. Un-American Activities Committee, the U.S. Attorney General's Office, the Congressional Record and the Federal Bureau of Investigation . . . Most of these federal documents are "public record."

(The information regarding King's FBI file, secured after the original King Report was published, is revealed later in this "up-dated" issue.)

Although the federal reports are matters of public record, the following fact will stun the general public. Why? . . . Because the reports regarding King's communist ties have been deliberately withheld from the public by the supposedly "unbiased" national news media. For example:

The massive publicity campaign for the Red Reverend's funeral rally included an oft-repeated TV film clip of King delivering an impassioned emphatic denial that he or his noble organization were ever associated with Communists . . . "The King" pounded the rostrum as he swore ("on my oath as a minister") any and all accusations about his Red connections were only — "Vicious ravings of Redneck racists and fanatics."

The much-publicized monumental hogwash made J. Edgar Hoover's statement regarding King a **Masterpiece of Understatement** . . . In one of his rare public conferences, FBI Director Hoover said —:

*"Martin Luther King is one of the most notorious liars in the country!"*

The FBI Director's remark was not expressed as an opinion, it was a statement of **FACT.**

The "unbiased" news media's censors (they call themselves "Opinion-makers") apparently didn't think the FBI director's statement was worth passing-on to the public. The self-appointed "Opinionmakers" also "overlooked" anyone and everyone who backed Hoover's open denunciation of "The King." For example:

Rep. John M. Ashbrook (R-Ohio) openly supported Mr. Hoover in a lengthy denunciation of King that also revealed part of King's dedication to the Communist movement. Congressman Ashbrook made his accusations from the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives. The following remark was included in his officially recorded address:

*"Mr. Speaker, last year I outlined the various statements of Rev. King which more than gave credibility to the charge by J. Edgar Hoover that King was the Nation's 'most notorious liar.' I am in hearty agreement with the FBI Chief, who is in an excellent position to know just how true this statement is."*

Senator Ashbrook's statement was published in the "Congressional Record," April 1, 1968

## HYPOCRICY &amp; LIES

King was an accomplished con man who continually talked out of both sides of his mouth. For example —:

The Red Reverend constantly spouted his theme of "Non-Violence," it was his trademark.

(1) King's "social demonstrations" that resulted in bloodspattered manical savagery, death and destruction were always launched by pious speeches about "Non-Violence."

(2) "The King" steadfastly maintained he was a "Loyal American," unselfishly dedicated to "Achieving Racial Harmony and Freedom" — "yet the self-proclaimed "patriot" continually urged his cannon-fodder flunkies to attack the government of the nation he claimed to "love." Patriot King also urged his mindless minions to betray their country by refusing to serve in its armed forces.

(3) When the Supreme Court and Congress passed on Civil Rights matters, King brayed that the "laws of the land" must be supported and obeyed . . . Yet King is the man who constantly told his followers —:

"If you don't like a law, BREAK IT!"

King insisted the white majority obey the letter of the law, while urging negroes to disobey the same laws . . . King, the "Man of God" who preached obedience to "Civil Rights," was the father of "Civil Disobedience."

This was Hitler's "Big Lie" technique. Repeat the "non-violence" pitch over and over so the public will believe it — then incite violence—while chanting the "non-violence" theme . . . Wrap the suckerpitch in star-spangled "Patriotism," then order the "Freedom Fighters" to exercise their "Human Rights" by attacking the government that provides and protects their "Rights."

Even a 4-year-old child realizes that attempting to insure his security by attacking his protector is suicidal idiocy, yet this is exactly what "The King" ordered and his lunitic puppets still eagerly obey.

In short, Martin Luther King's power and the racist rebellion he created with his power were the products of a well-planned massive publicity campaign that was created, maintained and constantly magnified by the few self-appointed "Opinionmakers" of the supposedly "factual" and "unbiased" news media.

## THE FIRST LIE

The first step (like the rest) of King's long and twisted Treason Trek was a FRAUD. "The King" first appeared in the national limelight in 1955, when he became involved in what the news releases insisted was a "spontaneous incident" prompted when a negro woman named Rosa Parks ran afoul of the law in Montgomery, Alabama, when she made a "grand jesture" out of refusing to move to the rear of a bus.



COMMUNIST TRAINED ROSA PARKS AND KING

King, then an obscure Baptist minister, made an equally "grand jesture" of leaping to the woman's defense. By some still unexplained "coincidence," the major news-wire services all decided to give the incident a full-bore, double-barreled nationwide publicity splash, and the "Civil Rights Movement" was off to a supposedly "spontaneous" flying start.

Working through a local so-called "civic group," the Montgomery Improvement Association, and eagerly backed by a massive national publicity campaign, King and his "unbiased" news media press agents parlayed the "spontaneous" situation into the now famous "Bus Boycott" affair. Operating in accordance with an obviously prearranged plan, the "unbiased" news media combined their publicity forces and within weeks the "courageous" negro preacher was catapulted into a position of international prominence that was soon translated into POWER.

As previously stated, the "spontaneous" bus affair was a FRAUD . . . The well-hidden facts reveal the "spontaneous incident" was actually a carefully planned and well-rehearsed routine, deliberately designed to act as a publicity springboard for the Communist-sponsored "Civil Rights" revolution.

Here are the facts that were withheld by the "unbiased" news media — Not rumor or hearsay, FACTS, uncovered by various state and federal investigation:

FACT: Rosa Parks pointedly established the "spontaneous" aspect by repeatedly parroting the following statement regarding her refusal to move to the rear of the bus —:

*"I don't really know why I wouldn't move. There was no plot at all. I was just tired. My feet hurt."*

FACT: Both King and the woman repeatedly stated they were "complete strangers" before the incident. They also made a point of stating they had: "absolutely no previous contact or association of any kind."

These statements were deliberate lies.

FACT: Records reveal King and the Parks woman had met several times before the well-rehearsed "spontaneous" incident. They both attended several meetings of the Montgomery Improvement Association ("MIA") . . . Another section of this article will prove the MIA was directed by a convicted criminal and identified Communist who later became one of King's top lieutenants.

FACT: The seldom mentioned report of the "Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities" revealed King and Rosa Parks were both actively associated with the infamous "Highlander Folk School."

The following chapter will reveal jolting federal reports that presented documented proof the Highland School was a secret Communist training camp . . . The Parks woman had no doubt been prepared for the bus affair when she was a student at the Communist school.

FACT: The first "spontaneous" Civil Rights incident was actually a well-rehearsed FRAUD, dramatically enacted by known subversives and sponsored by a Communist-directed front group.

The despicable fraud would have been useless if the "unbiased" news media revealed the facts — instead of dramatizing the phony routine with a massive publicity campaign that launched the Communist-planned Civil Rights attack.

Why did the national news media cooperate by publicizing the Red's propaganda swill? . . . The answer will be increasingly obvious as the staggering facts are revealed — Like the following information about the Communist training school attended by Rosa Parks and con-man King, the two "total strangers."

## COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL



■ The notorious Highlander Folk School, located in Monteagle, Tennessee, was one of the first secret Communist training camps exposed by federal investigators. (Others have been revealed, many are still active — Right Now!)

The Red training school proved to be King's undoing, it provided **UNDENIABLE**, tangible proof of the despicable Red Reverend's well hidden Communist activities . . . We will take a detailed look at this damning evidence, but first here's a fast run-down on the Red School —:

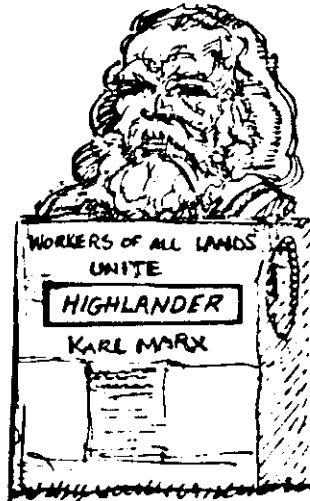
**FACT:** The Highlander Folk School, hidden in a remote mountain forest near Monteagle, Tennessee, was founded and directed by some of the top members of the Communist Party . . . The Communist directors were backed by a bilious batch of avowed traitors and members of notorious subversive Communist-front groups who served as instructors and "treason counselors."

**FACT:** Various governmental investigation reports define the Highlander Folk School as a secret Communist training school, founded and operated for the sole purpose of recruiting American youth into Soviet-directed Communist front organizations. The rancid Red records and subversive activities of the following founders and directors graphically illustrates the nature of the "Folk School."

(REF: "Joint Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities:" Report No. 4: Part 1.)

**MYLES HORTON** — Director of the secret training camp. Horton was active in dozens of Communist-front groups, a known subversive and directly connected with the Communist Party.

As far back as 1935 Horton was a member of the Executive Committee of the Socialist Party. Federal records prove the directors of the Socialist Party were also directors of the U.S. Communist Party.



Together with James Dombrowski, top organizer of the Communist Party, Horton and other Reds held a supposedly "secret conference" to launch a joint "Communist-Socialist United Front" in the South . . . U.S. Senate investigations repeatedly revealed Myles Horton is a dangerous subversive, dedicated to the overthrow of the United States . . .

**JAMES DOMBROWSKI** — A notorious subversive, chairman of the Communist "Southern Conference Educational Fund," field organizer for many other "civil rights" Communist-front groups and repeatedly identified as a member of the "Central Committee" of the Communist Party.

**RUPERT HAMPTON** — Active member of many subversive Communist-front organizations.

**DON WEST:** At the time he assisted in organizing the Highlander School, Don West was the "District Director" of the Communist Party of North Carolina . . . West used his position with the Communist Party to recruit traitors for the Highlander faculty.

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## PURPOSE

The Highlander Folk School curriculum included sophisticated training courses in "Folk" studies like —: Philosophy of Communism, The Communist Manifesto, Life of Carl Marx, The Weakness of a Capitalistic Society, Organization of Revolutionary Groups, Organization of the Civil Rights Movement, Future of World Communism, Use of World Peace Programs, United Nation's Role in World Communism, etc., etc., etc . . . Other courses taught "How To"—incite and direct strikes, recruit and indoctrinate students, infiltrate and direct civic groups, spread Red propaganda, etc.

As stated, the Highlander Folk School was a secret Communist training camp, founded by traitors.

**FACT:** Due to the wildly subversive nature of the Red training camp, the local District Attorney (G.F. Sloane) conducted an unannounced investigation (The lawmen were jolted by the Hammer & Sickle posters and pictures of Marx).

The authorities took one look at the DA's reports, instantly revoked the "Folk School's" charter and the Communist training camp was shuttered.

**FACT:** Martin Luther King was listed as a "Sponsor" of the Communist training center.

**FACT:** Martin Luther King took an active part in the training school for traitors.

(REF: "Joint Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities:" Report No. 4: Part 1.)

**PROOF:** Investigators checking on the Communist school went roundeyed when they took a close look at a photograph presented by Marvin Griffin, then the governor of Georgia. (The photo was taken by Edward Friend at the order of Governor Griffin.)

The photo, featuring a group of people seated in a lecture room of the Highlander School, shook the very foundations of the entire Communist Party and triggered emergency meetings in the Soviet Union.

Why did just one snapshot jolt the entire Red chain of command? Because it revealed one of their most carefully guarded secrets and threatened to destroy years of painstaking efforts the Communists had invested in building the phony propaganda facade around their plan to attack and disrupt the United States, the plan they called the "Civil Rights Movement."



Photo taken at Highlander Folk School, revealing "Patriot King" surrounded by top Communists at the secret Red training camp.

The photo centers on four men. (Numbered on the picture included in this article.) Three of the men were known Communists, the fourth man's presence in the photo was the flame that ignited the Red action. —:

(1) **ABNER W. BERRY:** Member of the all-powerful "Central Committee" of the Communist Party.

(2) **MYLES HORTON:** Known subversive and the director of the Communist training school.

(3) **AUBREY WILLIAMS:** President of the notorious "Southern Conference Educational Fund," and identified as a top organizer of the Communist Party.

(4) **MARTIN LUTHER KING:** The "patriot" who swore he was never associated with Communists.

**FACT:** As revealed by government documents and indisputable photographic proof, Reverend Martin Luther King, the "patriot" who repeatedly swore before God on his "holy oath" as a minister that he was never involved with Communists or "Communist influences," was a featured lecturer, "associate instructor" and officially listed "Sponsor" of a secret Communist training school.

The photo was taken during the Labor Day weekend of 1957 at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tenn. on orders from Governor Marvin Griffin of Georgia. The photo's authenticity is verified by official state documents and sworn affidavits signed by Gov. Griffin . . . In 1960 the Communist training school was closed by Tennessee State Court order. The school reopened in 1961 and now operates under the name "Highlander Center," located at 1625 Riverside Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee.



This billboard photograph shows King at the Communist Highlander Folk School.

The Communist Party instantly reacted by employing the full force of its vast influence to quash news of the

shattering picture . . . By some strange coincidence, the "unbiased" news media NEVER published the revealing photo.

ALL THE

# KING'S MEN

King repeatedly insisted his personal top aides, and chief lieutenants in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference were all simon-pure patriots, unselfishly dedicated to "Equality" and of course, "non-violence" . . . As usual the facts prove King was lying through his teeth.

Various state and federal investigations revealed almost every one of King's top henchmen have long records of pro-Communist activities and in some cases, long police records listing everything from murder, rape and sexual perversion. — For example:

## REV. FRED SHUTTLESWORTH:

This man, together with Bayard Rustin, was responsible for executing a well-coordinated plan that elevated King from an obscure preacher of a small church to his God-like role as leader of the Communist planned "Civil Rights Movement" . . . Shuttlesworth, a negro "minister" from Montgomery, Alabama, directed King's early "Civilrights" policies from his Montgomery Improvement Assoc." (MIA) and later through his position of vice president of the "Red Reverend's" "Southern Christian Leadership Conference." (The MIA folded when an audit revealed \$100,000 had been stolen from the racist, but tax-free, "civil rights" group. Reverend Shuttlesworth's "soul brothers" openly accused him of the theft.)

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Shuttlesworth heads Communist Front.

Shuttlesworth was also president of the notorious "Southern Conference Educational Fund" (SCEF) another "civil rights" group that gained vast influence — until April of 1964, when the U.S. Senate Internal Security Committee produced volumes of documentary proof that revealed the "SCEF" was actually a wildly subversive Communist-front organization.

The Senate investigation reports bluntly stated King's closest associate, "Rev." Fred Shuttlesworth, was a Communist agent.

(REF: "Joint Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities:" Report No. 8; Page 125.)

## "REV." RALPH ABERNATHY:

"Rev." Abernathy, King's constant companion, is the "Man of God" who dramatically took command of the "SCLC" at King's funeral rally. In his speech, that reeked with the full flavor of a negro revival oration, Abernathy revealed the caliber of his sincerity (and insulted the intelligence of anyone with a third-grade education) by pointing to the heavens and proclaiming himself head-man because —: "I HAVE BEEN ORDAINED BY GOD!"

Those who watched the nationally televised Holy Roller pitch may remember the "responsible national leader" went on to say he received the divine ordination during a three-way chat between himself, King's spirit and The Almighty, conducted half-way up the side of some mystic mountain.

An unusual place to find an egomaniacal pro-Communist child molester.

The self-proclaimed "Choice of God" is currently carrying-out "God's Will" by braying threats about "disjointing" the United States Government if the President and Congress dare to disobey his orders . . . The fat little fop does allott'a talking, but here are a few facts he never mentions —:

**FACT:** Senate investigation records prove Abernathy, like King, has been active in Communist affairs for years . . . "God's Choice" also studiously avoids mentioning the fact that police records reveal in 1958 Abernathy ran for his life down Dexter Ave. in Montgomery, Alabama, pursued by an ex-wielding outraged husband who learned Abernathy had seduced his wife. (For details, check Case #8741, Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Alabama.)

Nor does Abernathy mention a trial (held before Circuit Court Judge Eugene W. Carter) in which testimony revealed the "Man of God" seduced a negro girl named Vivian McCoy and subjected her to what the court termed "abnormal sex relations" . . . The girl, a member of Rev. Abernathy's congregation was only FIFTEEN YEARS OLD.

GIVE A "P/B" SUBSCRIPTION  
TO A FRIEND (OR ENEMY)



SHUTTLESWORTH, ABERNATHY AND KING  
Convict, Child Molester and Fraud

**JACK H. O'DELL**  
... (alias Hunter Pitts O'Dell)

Jack H. O'Dell also known as Hunter Pitts O'Dell was one of King's top lieutenants and listed "director" of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference . . . O'Dell was also a member of the national committee of the Communist Party. Here is a brief history of "patriot" King's top flunky:

O'Dell, born in Detroit in 1923, attended school in New Orleans until he joined the Merchant Marine. Several years later, in July 1950, O'Dell was expelled from the National Maritime Union (at Galveston, Texas) . . . The union dumped him for continually annoying other seamen with endless Marxist speeches and distributing Communist propaganda.

On April 12, 1956 O'Dell was called to appear before the U.S. Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. He crawled behind the Fifth Amendment and refused to say whether he was a member of the Communist Party.

**FACT:** O'Dell was identified as the "southern district organizer" for the Communist Party.

O'Dell was later promoted to the "National Committee" of the Communist Party — The position he occupied while also trooping the "non-violent" path of ashes and death with "patriot" King, the Red Reverend of Riot and Revolt.

**REF:** Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Subversive Activities Control Board  
(Index & Vol. II)



**BAYARD RUSTIN:**

Rustin had already reached a position of prominence in his chosen field when, in 1955, he received orders to go to Montgomery and assist Shuttlesworth in prompting the obscure young Baptist minister named Martin Luther King . . . Rustin, also a negro, guided King through the early stages of uniting various subversive groups into the Civil Right Movement and remained as one of King's top three 'advisors' until King's death.

Rustin's "chosen field" was assisting the Communist overthrow of the United States . . . Dozens of federal reports prove Rustin's entire adult life has been dedicated to serving the Communist Party.

**FACT:** Bayard Rustin was an active member of the "Young Communist League."

**FACT:** Later Rustin spent 12 years as a chief organizer for the Communist Party.

**FACT:** Later, after a complete indoctrination of the Communist Party techniques, Rustin was appointed leader of the "War Resistor's League," a wildly subversive organization. Federal records state the "WRL" is devoted entirely to persuading and assisting young men in avoiding military service.

In addition to being a dangerous subversive, King's chief aide is a homosexual with a long police record.

Pasadena police files reveal Rustin was arrested in the act of homosexual relations with two other men, on a public street, at 2:30 A.M., January 21, 1953, in Pasadena, California. (Ref.: Police report #66350, dated 1/21/53)

(Photostat of the graphically descriptive arrest report is included in this chapter.)

JACK H. O'DELL alias HUNTER PITTS O'DELL: Identified Communist, personal aide of King and officer of Southern Christian Leadership Conference.



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"Red Rustin's" long police record dates back over twenty years. In addition to sex perversion, Rustin was arrested many times during World War II for subversive activities . . . Rustin talks tough while damning his country in the present "civil rights" fraud, but he showed a broad stripe of yellow when called to fight in WW II. The gutless pervert tried to dodge the draft — but he didn't make it.

**FACT:** Rustin managed to avoid serving his country. Instead, the traitor served 26 months in the federal prisons at Ashland, Kentucky and Lewisburg, Penn.

Here are a few more facts about Martin Luther King's "All-American" top aide . . . Various investigation reports of the Un-American Activities Committee reveal Rustin was an active member of

the following subversive organizations —: War Resister's League, The World Peace Brigade, the Medical Aid to Cuba Committee, the Committee for Non-Violent Action, Greenwich Village Peace Center and the General Strike for Peace . . . All of these organizations have been identified as Communist-front organizations.

In short, Bayard Rustin is a convicted felon, an ex-convict, a draft-dodger, a sex pervert, and a traitor active in the Young Communist League, the Communist Party and at least six other subversive Communist-front groups.

Since Rustin was officially retained as King's "Chief Secretary and Personal Advisor," in 1955, this revolting human filth was King's top lieutenant and constant companion — Yet "The King" repeatedly swore there was never any "Communist influence" in his organization!



COMMUNIST BAYARD RUSTIN  
Directed Poor People's March

King named his Communist sex pervert aide to lead the 1963 Civil Rights march on Washington. Rustin has been one of the top strategists in planning the "spontaneous" Mau Mau riots that have gutted dozens of American cities and claimed countless lives.

Rustin was one of the speakers at the King funeral side show. The perverted specialist in bloodbath planning also directed the funeral choir, and mob singing that included the voices of the "Great Society's" national leaders.

It was revolting to watch our nation's leaders, including five cabinet members, plus senators, congressmen and presidential candidates obediently following the direction of the homosexual Communist, leading them in songs mourning the death of another Communist traitor

One of the voices singing mournful praise of traitor King, under the solom choir-direction of Communist Rustin, belonged to the self-proclaimed "Conservative" who now commands the destiny of America, Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States.

The nauseating spectacle was a graphic "Sign of Our Times."

Since King's death Comrade Rustin has quietly taken-over strategy-command of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. His revolting record of perversion and treason prohibits

Pasadena, California police report on arrest of Bayard Rustin and two men at 2:30 a.m., January 21, 1953.

PC 288-A (Sex Perversion) - Misdemeanor		Class No. 66360	
Where Committed Public Street, Pasadena, Cal.			
Date Committed 1-21-53			
Date Reported 1-21-53			
Reported To Pasadena P.D.			
Reported by Ch. Vlach (Heath & Stornie)			
Address 1234 E. Main St.			
Phone			
Suspect Bayard Rustin			
Hair Color Black			
Eyes Blue			
Height 5-11			
Weight 147			
Age 40			
Nationality Negro			
Build Med			
Occupation LABORER			
Marks None			
Suspect, Martin Wayne Long			
Hair Color Black			
Eyes Blue			
Height 5-10			
Weight 147			
Age 25			
Nationality Cal.			
Build Med			
Occupation Laborer			
Marks Tattoos, Left Arm (shoulder and shoulders) Rape and wrist-escape with flag right forearm.			
Arrested at 1230 Olive, 4 Dr. Cal. 47 3501			
Persons Arrested			
Suspect Bayard Rustin			
Suspect Martin Wayne Long			
Arrested at 1230 Olive, 4 Dr. Cal. 47 3501			
This subject and the above named suspect arrested this date on the aforementioned charge.			
On basis of crime, additional crimes, and descriptive and other of property			
While on routine patrol Officer's Heath and Stornie observed the above mentioned vehicle parked just south of Green st. on the south west corner of So. Keye road. Upon closer inspection by Officer Heath the above subject and #2 were sitting in the back seat of this car and 1 suspect was bent down over #2. #3 suspect at this time was sitting in the front seat of this car.			
Both Officer's observed suspects #2 attempting to zip up his pants which were open at this time, and his penis out. Subjects at this time stated that they were merely sitting there. All subjects were taken out of the vehicle and separated and subject #2 stated that they had just met #1 and that he had propositioned them, in regards to copulating their private parts, which in fact was carried out by the three above suspects #2 & 3 taking the passive parts. (See statements and recordings)			
All subjects at this time admitted their parts in this case.			
Subjects were transported to this station where statements and recordings were made of their action in regards to this matter, they were at that time booked on the above charge. Suspects #2 & 3 transported by Sgt. Glass.			
The aforementioned vehicle was completely searched at this time, during the course of the search a blood stained mattress cover was found in the trunk of this vehicle (these Officer's unable to determine type of blood, Animal or Human suspect test) Vehicle does not belong to any of these parties, Registered to Ford F. Janison, 5237 N. Mono St. Temple City. This party contacted by Officer Heath and same stated that he had loaned this vehicle to subject #2.			
Officer R. Heath 5371 1-21-53			
Officer M. Stornie 5314			
M/ Condes 50; 3 Det., 1 Ctl., 1 Vlach.			
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**PERVERT RUSTIN and MOLESTER ABERNATHY**  
King's Top "Patriots" Before Ever-present Microphones

Rustin from openly taking over, but his "behind the throne" orders are absolute law within the SCLC. Comrade Rustin's quick assumption of command was evident within days after "The King's" trigger-pull abdication, at the "Poor People's" Washington march.

Although "Rotten Ralph" Abernathy took the center-stage limelight during the squalor-squandering "Poor March," Communist Rustin was calling the plays for the Treason Trek. As evidenced by the photo included in this report, Rustin was always at Abernathy's elbow, passing orders and answering questions through the mouth of his fat little puppet.

As recent as June 15th, the newspaper and TV stories described Rustin as a "prominent and dedicated civil rights leader." The stories went on with glowing reports of how the Communist pervert was "Dictating terms" to the U.S. Congress "in behalf of the nation's underprivileged."

Doesn't it make you feel all warm inside to know the "unbiased" news media that promoted the "King Fraud" are still glorifying his civil right flunkies, while deliberately betraying the public by hiding the truth about the revolting vermin's Communist activities?

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**JAMES BEVEL**

"Rev." James Bevel, another of King's longtime top henchmen and an SCLC executive officer, is a self-styled "Holy Man" who attempts to dramatize himself by sporting a "mystic beanie." The headgear is laughably sophomoric, but the man who wears it is one of the most dangerous swine in America.

Bevel is a wild-eyed fanatic racist, identified as a Chinese-trained Communist espionage agent and a foulmouthed self-proclaimed traitor.

In spite of "unbiased" news reports attempting to sell King's fellow minister as a "Freedom Fighter," Bevel repeatedly uses his "freedom" to acknowledge his boundless loyalty to World Communism and scream his hatred of America. For example:

**FACT:** "The King's" henchman revealed his patriotic view of "Equality," "Religious Piety" and "Non-Violence" in a speech at Berkeley on Oct. 29, 1966. "Holy Man" and "Patriot" Bevel said—:

*"I hate Western civilization! We must move to destroy Western Capitalism! We must force our capitalist war mongers to stop American aggression and the wanton murder of helpless women and infants in North Vietnam."*

**FACT:** While "Patriot" Bevel was damning his country, his wife was in Communist Hanoi "conferring" with Ho Chi Minh, leader of the Viet Cong butchers.

"Reverend" Bevel acts as King's contact man with his bloodthirsty Mau Mau satellite groups like CORE, SNCC (SNICK) and RAM (Revolutionary Action Movement).

Bevel's association with Black Power fanatics like "Kill Crazy" Fletcher and Communist traitors like Stokeley Carmichael are proved by photographs included in this article.

**FACT:** During the "Poor March" in Washington, Bevel was invited (by Sen. "Lefty" Percy) to address a group of congressional staff assistants. Bevel stunned the Washington staffers with a spittle-sprayed tirade against the "Jitterbug Fascists" who are directing our "Rotten White Racist Government." Reverend Bevel clarified his "patriotic



**"REVEREND" BEVEL**  
Viet Cong Promoter



**COMMUNIST CARMICHAEL AND BEVEL**  
Speakers at Berkeley Viet Cong rally. Bevel's wife was in Hanoi visiting Ho Chi Minh.

dedication" with the following statement:

*"I don't get too excited when I see that rag on a stick called the American flag. It's the symbol of a degenerate and decaying social structure that will soon cease to exist."*

It may be of interest to note that Bevel concluded his address by assuring everyone of his loyalty to Sen. Charles Percy. (Apparently Percy ranked only one notch below Ho Chi Minh and Mao Tse Tung in Bevel's admiration.)

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**"RELEASE THE RED"**

These facts should provide a better understanding of child molester Abernathy's "divine service," now here is an example of the "patriotic dedication" exhibited by King's chief assistant and noble successor —:

Both King and his predecessor Abernathy are listed as "Advisors" on the letterhead of the notorious "Congress of Racial Equality" — "CORE" advisors include fanatic racist author James Baldwin and pro-Red union boss Walter Reuther (who attended a Communist school in the Soviet Union) . . . Federal investigations provided dozens of documents proving "CORE," posing as a "Civil Rights" group is actually a violent revolutionary organization, financed by Red-front groups like the Southern Conference Educational Fund cited as a Communist outfit under direct orders of the Soviet Union.

**FACT:** The report of the "Joint Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities (Report #4, Part 1) contains a photostat of a "petition" demanding the immediate release of a top Communist agent who was then serving a 15-year prison sentence. The top Communist was Carl Braden, King's close "associate" and featured speaker at rallies of the Red Reverend's "patriotic" Southern Christian Leadership Conference . . . Although Braden is White, the "petition" stated Braden's imprisonment was only "segregationist intimidation" of a noble civil rights leader. The "petition" failed to state why the civil rights "patriot" was imprisoned.



King and Abernathy

**FACT:** Braden, loudly publicized as a leader in the crusade to "Free and Protect Negroes from White Racist Oppression" was sentenced to a 15-year prison term when he was convicted of attempting to start a race riot in Louisville, Kentucky by DYNAMITING THE HOME OF A NEGRO FAMILY, then trying to get local negroes to follow him in a riot to "avenge" the poor black victims of "White Racists."

The communist's typically deceitful and cowardly scheme backfired when "civil rights champion" Braden was caught in the act of bombing the home of the negro family he planned to "avenge." Instead of leading a race riot, "Dynamite" Braden was lead straight to the federal "slams."

**FACT:** Carl Braden was repeatedly identified under oath as a lifelong Communist and a top organizer of the Communist Party.

State and federal investigations also identify Braden and wife Anne as members, directors and/or founders of numerous Communist-front organizations engaged in subversive activities, including Soviet espionage.

References re: Braden's Communist records.  
House Committee on Un-American Activities  
House Doc. 389: 87th Congress  
House Res. 282: 78th Congress  
(Appendix D)

Subversive Activities Control Board  
SACB Reports: Vol. I, III, IV

Florida Legislative Investigation Comm.  
Report dated: Feb. 9, 1961

**FACT:** The petition demanding the release of a convicted traitor bore 17 signatures. The very first entry on the signature list reads: "Ralph D. Abernathy." The number eight entry is the signature: "Martin Luther King, Jr."

**FACT:** The other "Release the Traitor" entries include the signatures of some of the most notorious Communists in the nation. Some of the Reds, like Fred Shuttlesworth were officers and directors of King's "SCLC" . . . Others who signed included King's close associate and fellow civil rights leader Aubrey W. Williams, a national director of the Communist Party.

**FACT:** Carl and Anne Braden, identified Communists engaged in espionage activities at the direct orders of the Soviet Union, were close associates, constant companions and financial supporters of Martin Luther King.

King and "Rotten Ralph" Abernathy also signed a petition urging the release of Communist Party leader Junius Scales, another convicted traitor sentenced to prison for subversive acts against the United States.

**STILL MORE COMMUNISTS**

**FACT:** As verified by photos included in this report, James Dombrowski was another close associate of "The King."

**FACT:** Like the Bradens, many state and federal documents positively identify Dombrowski as a top member of the Communist Party and an avowed traitor who has spent his entire adult life engaged in Soviet-directed activities designed to destroy the United States Government.

REF: Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Subversive Activities Control Board  
(Index & Vol. II)

These are just a few of the many pious and "patriotic crusades" of King, and his fetid successor Abernathy, that were deliberately withheld from the public by our "unbiased" news media.

**FACT:** King's "patriotic" Southern Christian Leadership Conference held an "Annual Conference" on Sept. 25 to 28, 1962 in Birmingham, Alabama. The "conference" featured four speakers, King, James Dombrowski, Carl Braden and his wife, Anne Braden (all pictured in this article).



A federal investigation report revealed a letter, dated October 7, 1959, from King to Anne Braden in which the Red Reverend thanked the Bradens for participating in his rally. — King concluded his letter by urging the two convicted Communists to become "permanently associated" with his noble Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

These are the "loyal Americans" King chose to share the speaker's platform to address his "patriotic" organization . . . Federal reports also include copies of checks and correspondence between King, Dombrowski and Braden—proving the Communist agents were financial supporters and close friends of King.

**FACT:** In spite of his open association with dozens of known communists, King always denied any connection with communists. (Like he insisted his riots were "non-violent.") The "unbiased" news media cooperated (as usual) by refusing to tell the public of King's communist associates, but always publicized his denials. For example —:

The ultra-Left Associated Press eagerly publicized King's following statement regarding an "Anti-War Rally" in which he was the featured speaker —:

*"It is totally untrue and unwarranted for anyone to give the impression that the Peace Mobilization meeting was dominated by Communists or inspired by Communists."*

**FACT:** The "U.S. House Committee on Un-American Activities" report on King's "Peace Mobilization" rally held in the U.N. Plaza (April 15, 1967) made the following statement —:

*"Communists were the principal organizational force behind the anti-war demonstrations in the United Nations Plaza."*

While publicizing the "Red Reverend's" loud denials of "Communist influence," the "factual" news media's Champions of Truth pointedly avoided revealing the fact that for years KING OPENLY WORKED WITH TOP LEADERS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY.

**FACT:** During his "Hate America" address to the Red organized demonstration against our war effort (therefore helping the Communist Viet Cong), "patriot" King made this statement —:

THESE TOP COMMUNISTS ALWAYS SUPPORTED KING



CARL BRADEN  
COMMUNIST



ANNE BRADEN  
COMMUNIST



JAMES DOMBROWSKI  
COMMUNIST

These top Communists conducted fund-raising rallies for King and actively supported his phony Southern Christian Leadership Conference.



Photo proving King shared platform with convicted Communists Carl and Anne Braden and James Dombrowski . . . taken at the "Sixth Annual Conference" of King's "SCLC."

*"The United States is the greatest purveyor of violence in the world! Our young men should refuse to be drafted into the armed forces that spread this death and violence."*

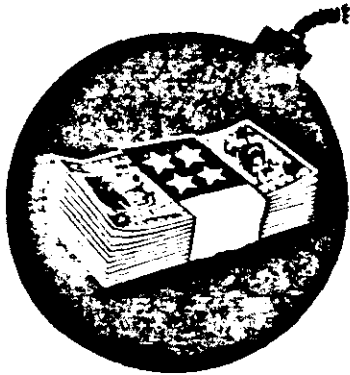
*"America has been on the wrong side from the beginning of our Fascist adventure in Vietnam."*

**REFERENCE:** King made the statement in a speech, presented April 4, 1967, to a Communist-directed anti-war group called "Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam" . . . The meeting, held at New York's Riverside Church, was arranged by ultra-Leftist "scholar" Henry Steele Commager, identified member of no less than TWENTY-TWO Communist organizations.

"The King" and Abernathy again joined with top Communist traitors by signing a "civil protest petition" demanding the House Committee on Un-American Activities be abolished. The petition was sponsored by the "Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee." This long-titled outfit was repeatedly cited as a: "Subversive Communist-front organization under direct control of the Soviet Union and its subservient Communist Party,

**REFERENCES:**  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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H. Doc. 398 - 87th Congress  
Alabama Legislative Commission Report  
"Special Report" dated Feb. 4, 1965

## HOW MILLIONS WERE RAISED



## significant people

■ The ever-eager news media always publicized King's many scoffing denials that he or his organization ever received help from subversive sources—Here are a few facts regarding King's contributors that were hidden from the public —:

The following "patriots" were featured speakers at fund-raising meetings and rallies that collected hundreds of thousands of dollars for King and his "SCLC" —:

Herbert Aptheker, member of the National Committee of the U.S. Communist Party. Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, national secretary of the Communist Party (now deceased), Gus Hall, general secretary of the Communist Party. Alva Buxenbaum, national chairman of the Progressive Youth Organization (cited as a Communist-front). James Farmer, leader of "CORE" (cited as a Communist-front). Carl Braden, convicted traitor and a leader of the Communist Party. The late Malcom "X," avowed terrorist whom King supposedly opposed.

Many Red-infested labor unions regularly supplied King with vast sums of money. For example —: Union Boss Walter Reuther sends \$30,000 per year to King's red-front organization. Incidentally, the "unbiased" news media always overlooks revealing Reuther received extensive training at a "specialized" school located in the Soviet Union.

King received over \$50,000 in cash from the New York Central Labor Council. Convicted felon union boss Jimmy Hoffa presented King with a \$25,000 check from union funds (only one of many similar "civic donations").

Hundreds of individuals regularly donated to King.

Avowed racist Sammy Davis gave \$20,000 to King. Wildly-Left Winger Marlon Brando conducted fund-raising

rallies. Following King's murder, self-proclaimed "Ultra Liberal" Henry Fonda used the nationally televised "Oscar Awards" to solicit funds for King's Red-front organization. (Child-molesting minister Ralph Abernathy reportedly boasted Fonda's plaintive publicity pitch produced \$100,000.)

King's "Big Money" was supplied by huge sums of money from various so-called "foundations" (like the "Ford Foundation" and "Rockefeller Foundation") that are used to finance subversive front-groups. The Red Reverend also received multi-thousands from the notorious "Southern Conference Education Fund," cited as a Communist-front organization operated under direct orders of the Soviet Union.

## References

House Committee on Un-American Activities  
House Doc. 389: 87th Congress  
House Res. 282: 78th Congress  
(Appendix IX)

King also received continual aid from myriads of Leftist church groups, so-called "Liberal" civic organizations and individuals. For example —: When King traveled to Washington to garner more publicity by confronting the President with viciously false accusations regarding federal judges — King, his staff and his goon squad of bodyguards were flown to Washington in the private plane of Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller. ("Rocky" never mentioned this in his presidential campaign speeches.)

It is not only impossible to learn how much money King's multi-million dollar fraud collected, it's also impossible to know how and where the Red Reverend and his associate traitors spent their millions.

The SCLC is listed as a "non-profit" private organization, therefore its financial records are Confidential. The capital "C" applies because even official inquiries from the U.S. Congress have failed to discover how much "The King" collected or how it was spent. Concerned over the subversive nature of many SCLC contributors, a congressional committee asked King to produce his group's financial records.

"The King" sneered a FLAT REFUSAL. His replacements, limp-wristed Comrade Bayard Rustin and "Rotten Ralph" Abernathy, have also refused to reveal their shadowy financial operations.

It should be mentioned that, since the Red-lead SCLC has billed itself as a "non-profit" organization, the millions collected and spent by the high-living racist hate-peddlers are TAX FREE.

FT. LAUDERDALE NEWS AND SUN-SENTINEL, Sat., April 13, 1968



**BRANDO MOURNS 'PANTHER'**—Actor Marlon Brando was among mourners who gathered for a memorial service for slain Black Panther, Bobby Hutton, Friday in Berkeley, Calif. Hutton was shot last Saturday following a gun battle with police. Prior to the services, Brando talks with a Panther captain, Kenny Denmon of San Diego, Calif., as other members of the group participate in close order drill in the church parking lot.

# THE BARBARIANS UNITE!



(ALMOST)

## "KING FOR PRESIDENT!"

A glimpse of King's well hidden top position in the Communist Movement was finally revealed at the recent convention of the "National Conference for New Politics," called the "NCNP" . . . The New Politics conference, held over Labor Day weekend in Chicago, was the Communist Party's unmasked attempt to create a "Third Party" in national American Politics.

The "New Politics Party," later called the "New Left" and currently referred to as the "New Party," was designed as an "umbrella operation," uniting various Communist organizations and their puppet front-groups into one national political party.

The following facts (all deliberately withheld by the "unbiased" news media) prove the founding and direction of the "New Politics Party" convention was planned and financed by the Communist Party and staffed by many of the nation's most notorious traitors.

The appalling "delegations" to the New Politics national convention represented every subversive Communist-front organization in the nation. The various subversive groups graphically revealed the Red's trick of using apparently opposing groups to serve their purposes.

### TRAITOR'S CHOICE

By a unique "coincidence," the Reds and their Communist cannon-fodder flunkies all wholeheartedly agreed on who should carry their Red banner into the upcoming presidential election. Two men who had continually denied they were even remotely associated with "Communist influences."

The traitors' unanimous choices were:

**FOR PRESIDENT: Martin Luther King** — The man who had repeatedly sworn he was never associated with the subversive groups that elected him.

**FOR VICE PRESIDENT: Dr. Benjamin Spock** — The publicity-happy baby doctor who faced treason charges for encouraging and assisting men to refuse to serve their country.

Of course the nominees were featured speakers. Their statements revealed why they were the traitors' choice.

King dropped his usual pious publicity pitch about the noble and non-violent Civil Rights Crusade and spewed thunderous demands for "more positive actions" against the "Capitalist War Mongers" and the "Redneck Segregationists" on Capitol Hill. The Red Reverend hit full stride by calling for a "Massive united effort" to emphasize the New Politics Party demand by "disjointing" major American cities and "dislocating" what he called the "Establishment" within the Federal Government.

King's speech translated into a demand for the violent overthrow of the United States . . . According to federal statutes this is called **TREASON**. — Rather unusual for the holder of a "Nobel Peace Prize." (The call for treason was "overlooked" by the news media — of course.)

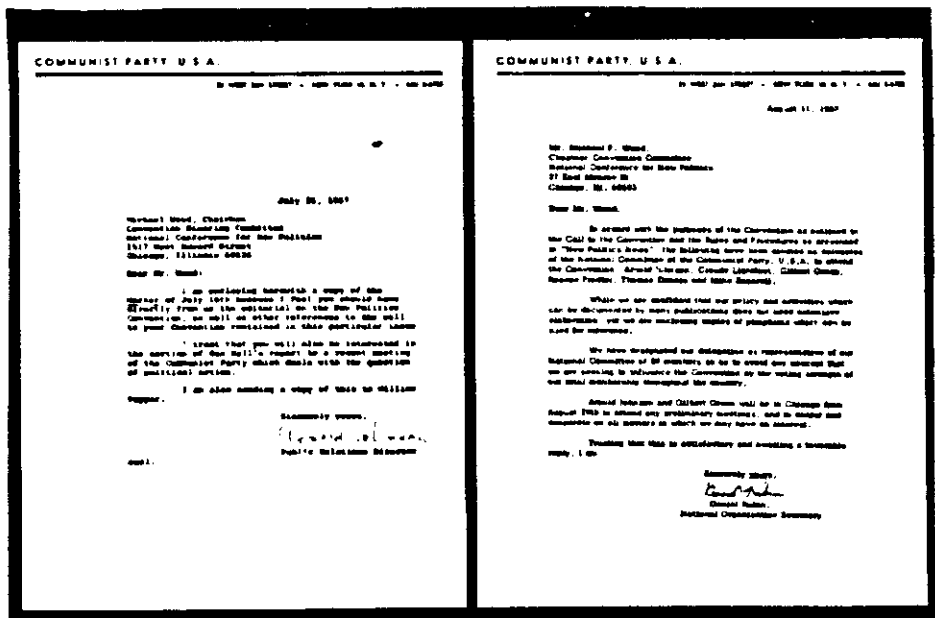
King concluded by "regretfully" turning down his presidential nomination — due to a "pressing schedule of previous international commitments."

Several days after addressing the traitors' convention King soared to Olympian heights of hypocrisy and deceit when he made the following statement in answer to a question about the blatantly pro-Red groups at the "New Politics" convention —:

*"I am not aware of any Communist influence or infiltration of the New Politics group."*

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### LETTERS PROVING COMMUNIST PARTY OFFICIALLY BACKED "KING for PRESIDENT" RALLY



These letters formalized the Communists' participation in the N.C.N.P. The Reds played a major role.

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**FACT:** Photos prove King shared the speaker's platform with his friend Carl Braden, a convicted Communist (remember the petition King signed urging Braden's release from prison?) in addition to Reies Tijerina, militant Western Red unionist, plus an assorted array of filth like Bayard Rustin, member of the Young Communist League, top organizer of the Communist Party and one of King's chief lieutenants.

Vice Presidential nominee Spock followed King with a patriotic promise to "unite the progressive Liberal forces" in a mighty effort to "arrest U.S. aggression" by encouraging men to refuse to serve in the armed forces. (Ho Chi Min couldn't have done better.)

**A FETID FOUNDATION**

Now let's take a fast look at the various organizations and individuals that founded the "New Politics" party and attended the "King for President" nomination rally, as listed in seldom-mentioned FBI reports . . . The groups and people King said were "not influenced by Communism."

**FACT:** The "National Conference for New Politics" was formed by a group of ultra-Leftists at a meeting held in August of 1965 in Santa Barbara, California, at the "Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions," a wildly revolutionary pro-Communist endeavor endowed by the Ford Foundation . . . Federal records prove the Ford Foundation supports myriads of Communist-front groups with millions of tax-free dollars. (Note: Broward's controversial Nova School was founded with funds from the Ford Foundation.)

**REFERENCES:**

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Louisiana State Joint Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities:

**FACT:** Chairman of the "King for President" convention was Michael Wood, a leader of the infamous "Student Non-Violent Coordination Committee" (the SNCC, called "Snick"), previously headed by avowed traitor Stokely Carmichael and now led by chairman Rap "Kill Whitey" Brown.

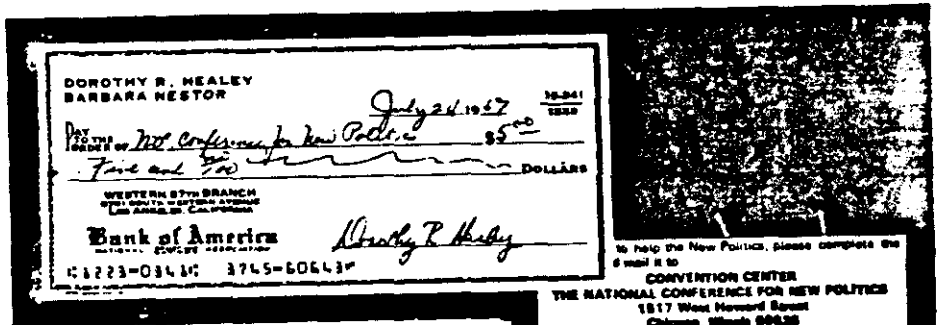
**FACT:** Other officials of King/Spock party convention included —:

Dorothy Ray Healey; chairman of the Communist Party of Southern California.

John Abt: Identified as a leader of the U.S. Communist Party.



Floyd McKissick of CORE, calling for Black Rebellion at Communist infested "King for President" convention.



The N.C.N.P. welcomed Dorothy Ray Healey, Chairman of the Communist Party for Southern California.

Hunter Pitts O'Dell; avowed Communist and one of King's top aides. Identified as a dangerous subversive by Un-American Activities Committee, July 30, 1958.

Myles Horton; member of the "Central Committee" of the U.S. Communist Party and director of the "Highlander School" Communist training center that was shuttered for its subversive activities.

Arnold Johnson: Member of the "National Committee" of the U.S. Communist Party and one of Martin Luther King's "advisors."

Daniel Rubin: National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party . . . Rubin's position with the Communist Party is proved by the letter reproduced in this article. The letter also proves the direct connection between the Communist Party and the "King for President" convention.

Paul Booth; founder of the Marxist "Students for Democratic Society" (SDS). This Red student organization is the group that lead the violent seizure of Columbia University and imprisonment of the faculty.

John Hulett; leader of the Red's wildly bloodthirsty "Black Panther" negro revolutionary armed "attack groups."

Carl Braden; member of the "Central Committee" of the U.S. Communist Party. This loyal supporter of Martin Luther King served time in prison when he was convicted of treason.

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**James Forman;** avowed negro Marxist who supported King's "non-violent" policies with convention speeches that mounted into screaming crescendos of maniacal ravings that called for "Black Revolution" and "White Blood."

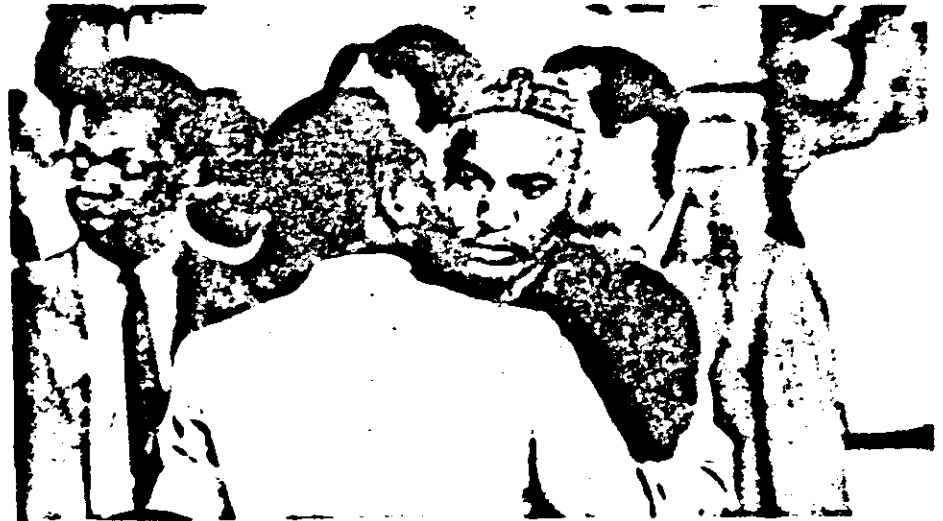
**Rap Brown;** much-touted negro traitor who arrived to support the "King for President" rally straight from a visit to Communist Cuba. "Red Rap's" screaming tirades for the violent overthrow of the U.S. Government by "mass extermination of White bastards" led to disintegration of the "King for President" communist convention. (King blew a fuse when his black buddy ran amuck and tried to take over his (King's) well-rehearsed plans, particularly when Rap included King's white communists on the "extermination list.")

Brown's predecessor, **Stokely Carmichael** sent regrets about being unable to attend. At the time Carmichael had traveled from Peking in Red China to Hanoi, as a personal guest of Ho Chi Min.

Space limitations prevent a complete list of the 3,200 "King for President" convention delegates, but the following "patriots" should not be overlooked —:

**Floyd McKissick;** Leader of "CORE," a negro "Revolutionary action group," who continually screams for "Black Power" and "White Blood."

## "PRESIDENT KING"



Communist Hunter Pitts O'Dell (former King aide), Lincoln Lynch of C.O.R.E., King aide James Bevel.

Photo taken at "King for President" national Red Convention.

**Jerry Rubin;** Castro-trained Berkeley "student" and member of the "DuBois Clubs," cited as a subversive Communist organization by the Un-American Activities Comm.

**Mike Zagarell;** Communist Party organizer.

**Arthur Waskow;** Author of a guerilla warfare training manual "Creative Disorders," rendering detailed instructions on how to "disjoint" cities by terrorist attack.

"Rev." **William S. Coffin,** **W. H. Ferry,** vocal "Liberal." — **Dick Gregory,** negro comic and self-styled expert on U.S. foreign policy, White fascists, Uncle Toms and the World Bank. **Sydney Lens,** avowed socialist. Communist **Stokely Carmichael,** expert on homosexuals, arson, inciting riots, advice on murdering policemen, and how to get away when the riots get rough.

**Lucille Montgomery;** withering Chicago socialite, wife of heir to the "Post" cereal fortune and ever-eager financial supporter of viciously subversive Communist organizations... Known as "Mrs. Money" in Communist circles (and "Lucy the Louse" in others), Mrs. Montgomery reportedly provided a vast amount of Post cereal money to finance the Communist convention for the presidential nomination of the Red Reverend. King was one of her closest "associates."

**FACT:** These are just a few of the subversive Communist swill who supported the presidency of Martin Luther King. The man Lyndon Johnson called a "noble American patriot." The man who brayed "non-violence" while deliberately

inciting bloody riots. The man who repeatedly denied there was any "Communist influence" in his Southern Christian Leadership Conference when his top lieutenants were all known Communists. The man who actually claimed he was "unaware" the aforementioned people and groups were "influenced" by communism.

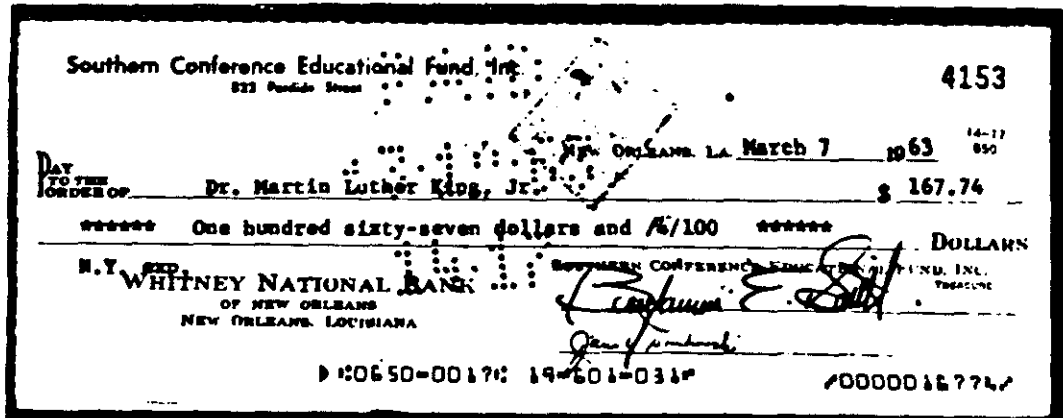
The "King for President" bid crumbled several hours after the nominee's speeches. The traitors' attempt to form a Third Party failed (thank God) as the revolutionists were hoist by their own petard when various hophead Mau Mau fanatics ran amuck, seized the speakers platform and destroyed all semblance of order by launching hysterical Black Power tirades.

The Communists national political bid fizzled (temporarily) as wild-eyed negro racists clad in characteristically gaudy African robes, leaped about the platform in savage glee, shrieking maniacal oaths and screaming "White Blood!" "Kill Whitey! Kill! Kill!" etc.

The mangy manical Mau Mau misfit's goggle-eyed raving about "Blood-bath Revolution" was too much even for the Reds to stomach... The sepia swill-slingers succeeded in nauseating and alienating the Red convention's 21,000 White-Reds with their bushman "Black Power" screams for "Freedom By Mass Murder." The appalled White traitors were unable to stop their carefully planned "Third Party" power-play from being disembowled by their own Mau Mau trainees.

Now wasn't that a DAMN SHAME!

CHECK PROVING KING WAS FINANCED BY KNOWN COMMUNISTS



"SCEF" check signed by Ben Smith and James Dombrowski, both members of the Communist party. The "SCEF" was cited as a subversive Communist-front organization.

KING'S NEW RED ATTACK

King was "removed" on the eve of launching the Communist Party's newest offensive—designed to apply even more pressure on the besieged national government, incur more violence — provoking "incidents" and producing more garbage for the "unbiased" news media's propaganda mill.

Two years ago it became obvious King was spading the groundwork for the new modification of the Red's attack strategy—uniting their "Civil Rights Movement" and "Peace Crusade" with a "union of the poor" . . . King made the first move by arrogantly announcing he would launch "non-violent" attacks against five major "target cities."

The strutting "King" called his new attack plan the "Poor Peoples March"—Thereby accomplishing the Communist strategy of combining their "Civil Rights" and "Peace" movements with "a union of the poor."

**FACT:** The "Poor People's March" attack plan was finalized at a secret conference held in Cleveland, during November of 1966 . . . The conference was attended by King, "Rev." A. J. Muste, described by J. Edgar Hoover as a "Communist-front-man."

(In 1965 Muste traveled to Hanoi as a personal guest of Ho Chi Minh)—Staughton Lynd, a Yale professor and member of the Communist "DuBois Club" (Lynd also conferred with Ho Chi Minh in 1965).



Puffed with monumental conceit, "The King" soared to stratospheric heights of raw egotism by attempting to sandbag his way into international affairs . . . Exhibiting all the savor-faire and finesse of a hog on rollerskates, the self-appointed Black Power Feuhrer issued a grandiose proclamation informing all lesser beings "The King" would step forth and settle the problems of the world. For openers, the beetle-eyed fraud stated he would employ his awesome stature and incredible intellect to put an end to the Vietnam war.

Diplomats and statesmen were stunned when the pint-sized egomaniac proclaimed he would go to Hanoi and "handle" Ho Chi Minh, after he "handled" the United States. Of course everyone would do as they were told, and that would be the end of the whole mess . . .

Even his Communist superiors were appalled when "The King" made his first move in Sept. of 1965 by leading his entourage of overdressed misfits into the United Nations, where he confronted Arthur Goldberg, U.S. delegate to the UN, and brazenly demanded Goldberg forward his first order to the President of the United States and the entire U.N.

"The King" ordered all U.S. forces be withdrawn from Vietnam — Immediately! . . . This was followed by another direct order that Communist China be admitted to the U.N. — and no backtalk!

"Marty the Magnificent" was just hitting full stride when suddenly he was apparently struck dumb, and dropped from sight for three months . . . It seems even the Communist's couldn't stomach King's bovine arrogance—so they quietly slapped him into line.

In short, "The King's" gutter-crude attempt to yap his way into world affairs failed spectacularly.

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## FBI FILE REVEALED

■ The 1966 "House Appropriations Committee" report confirmed rumors that the FBI had a thick file concerning the secret affairs of King and his bilious band of "Associate Traitors" in the ever-glorified "Southern Christian Leadership Conference." Needless to say, the "unbiased" news media didn't think it worth mentioning, but as time went by, various top Washington sources let it be known the FBI reports contained startling evidence that linked "The King" with many of the nation's most notorious subversive Communist-front groups and the traitors who staffed them.

Finally, in June of 1969, after King's death, an FBI agent's testimony in a trial concerning Cassius Clay's refusal to serve his country revealed the fact the FBI had maintained a close surveillance of King's activities for over four years. It was discovered the federal agency had accumulated pounds of documents, photos, recorded "dialogue" of secret meetings, telephone tapes and sound-track motion pictures concerning King and his associates.

The news media (not the public) instantly raised a storm of protest, leveling terrible charges at the FBI for using "illegal" (some said "criminal") tactics to "harass" their noble Champion of Virtue . . . It was learned the FBI surveillance began in 1961 on orders from



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Robert Kennedy, then the Attorney General, in the "interest of national security," the term used in reference to checking on subversive and/or espionage activities. Kennedy's order, confirmed by Justice Dept. records, resulted from pressure brought by various Conservative congressional leaders of both parties.

**FACT:** Several top congressional leaders have advised this publication that the FBI files contain factual evidence and undisputable proof that King was continually in direct contact with known Communist espionage agents.

The congressional sources also reported the FBI evidence proves King was actively engaged in subversive activities against the people and government of the United States.

Although the FBI reports regarding King's blatantly subversive activities were presented to various congressional committees (listed below), the staggering facts were never released to the public. Why have the Congressmen and Senators of these committees deliberately withheld the facts about King's subversive activities from the people he betrayed? Only they can answer.

Here are just a few facts included in the FBI "King File" that have been "overlooked" by the news media and/or deliberately withheld by our "dedicated" congressional leaders:

- Photos of King and an identified top Communist espionage agent in a secret meeting at a New York airport.

- Sound-track films of King and Abernathy in several meetings with some of the nation's top "deep-cover" (secret) Communists.

- Dozens of filmed and sound-recorded meetings between King and avowed Communists leaders including Carl Braden, Herbert Aptheker and Claude Lightfoot, all identified as officials of the Communist Party.

- The FBI "King File" reportedly contains proof that King was directly assisted by, or a member of, no less than SIXTY-TWO Communist-front organizations.

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● Evidence of a different nature concerns an inter-state car-theft operation reportedly used to supply King and his grimey gaggle with "free" transportation. The auto-theft ring (uncovered in 1965) involves Hosea Williams, one of King's sepiä "Squalid Squad."

● A recorded "planning session" between King and Stokely Carmichael, official of the Black Panther Party, avowed Communist and traitor who openly screams for the overthrow of the U.S. Government by bloodbath revolution and the murder of the President, the Cabinet, "all Pigs" (police) and "everyone who stands in the path of the Black Panthers and World Communism."

FBI records of the meeting, held only a few weeks before King's death, prove the two "Civil Rights Champions" each pledged to support the other's "humanitarian" effort to divide and betray their country . . . At one dramatic point in their meeting, "Killer" Carmichael remarked that the time had finally come to begin disrupting America's cities to: "Help our Viet Cong comrades-in-arms." Rev. King, the "non-violent patriot" AGREED.

Although the FBI files contain much more incriminating evidence — the recorded meeting between King and Carmichael, held just after Carmichael's return from Red China and the Soviet Union and just before King's pious "Poor People's March," is enough to prove Martin Luther King was actively engaged in Communist-directed subversive activities designed to assist an enemy Red nation actively at war with the United States. It also proves King and his SCLC group were directly affiliated with the Black Panther terrorists who openly avow their Communist allegiance and publically announce their intentions to overthrow the United States Government by armed rebellion.

These are just a few of the facts presented to our congressional leaders by the FBI in officially documented reports. By even the most Liberal interpretation, the FBI's documentation of his secret Communist-directed activities clearly prove Martin Luther King was guilty of TREASON.

FBI evidence of King's Communist affiliates was presented to the following congressional committees:

Committee on Un-American Activities  
Subversive Activities Control Board  
House Appropriation Committee  
Senate Internal Security Subcommittee

## LIBERAL'S LOCKJAW

### TRAITOR'S PROTECTORS

FBI agents all over the country spent four years compiling reams of absolute proof concerning King's secret Communist affiliations and subversive activities.

### WHY WASN'T HE PROSECUTED? WHY WASN'T "THE KING" CHARGED OR EVEN ACCUSED OF HIS ILLEGAL AND TREASONOUS ACTS?

For some unexplained reason, the members of the various congressional committees (including avowed Conservatives like Sen. McClellan) couldn't find enough courage to make King face the unimpeachable proof of his treachery before their congressional committee hearings. Meanwhile, "The King" enjoyed COMPLETE IMMUNITY from federal prosecution in addition to COMPLETE PROTECTION afforded by the nation's top law enforcement officer, the U.S. Attorney General.



**FACT:** The FBI provided proof of King's rancid Red record of treason, but the traitor was protected from prosecution by two "sympathetic" Attorney Generals: Nicholas Katzenbach and Ramsey Clark.

**FACT:** In spite of repeated requests for action from top officials, Katzenbach and Clark both FLATLY REFUSED to present the FBI evidence to the Federal Grand Jury, thereby protecting King from the criminal indictments necessary to charge the traitor and bring him to trial.

Katzenbach not only refused to disclose the King file, he even lied to a congressman by stating it didn't exist. Early in 1968, Rep. John Bell Williams of Mississippi confronted Katzenbach in an open showdown witnessed by several other congressmen and the President of the United States.

The following is an exact transcript of the "dialogue":

**Williams:** "When are you going to let the American people really know what King is up to with his demonstrations?"

**Katzenbach:** "I don't understand what you mean."

**Williams:** "I'm talking about his FBI file and what is in it."

**Katzenbach:** "There is no file on King."

**Williams:** "Don't try to kid me. We all know there's a file on King and if its contents were revealed it would shock a lot of people."

**Katzenbach:** (No reply)

**Williams:** "Is the King file going to be available to Congress or the appropriate committees?"

**Katzenbach:** "NO . . . Absolutely not!"

A witness to the confrontation stated (in a letter to "Point-Blank") that President Johnson remained silent throughout the Attorney General's lying denial, followed by the clumsy admission of his lie. This proved the President obviously endorsed Katzenbach's deliberate attempt to protect traitor King . . . The President's "silent endorsement" isn't surprising, in view of the fact he later became the first Head of State in history to order a nation's flags to be half-masted in mourning for a traitor.

It staggers the imagination to realize two U.S. Attorney Generals, the top law enforcement officials in the nation, sworn to uphold the Constitution and "protect the United States from all enemies, both foreign AND DOMESTIC," actually betrayed their oath and their country by using their positions of trust to protect a traitor — but the Justice Department records prove that is exactly what Katzenbach and Clark did.

Many individuals and organizations throughout the nation have reportedly asked the present Atty. General, John Mitchell, to authorize FBI Director Hoover to release the King file. So far Mitchell seems to be suffering from the same lack of fortitude that has overwhelmed other supposedly "Conservative" politicoes who talked tough until it came-time to back-up their mouths and expose King's rancid Red record. (On the otherhand, the man who appointed Mitchell was among the mourners at "The King's" funeral, remember?)



## AS YE SOW...

### P-B EXCLUSIVE

The following information regarding King's assassination contains some startling FACTS that were deliberately slanted or "overlooked" by the supposedly "factual" and oh-so "unbiased" news media.

### HATE HUSTLER'S HARVEST

King's appalling career of deceit and treachery came to a dramatically abrupt end on a violence-tight night on the balcony of Memphis motel. With a few minutes to spare before leaving to spew another racist call to recruit followers for another, illegal Black March, in deliberate violation of a court order, the impeccably tailored "Poor Folk Fuehrer" strolled onto the balcony of his motel suite — and reaped his Harvest of Hate.

While "The King" called instructions to his flunkies below, an assassin adjusted his telescopic sights and the onyx-eyed rifle muzzle focused its steel-rimmed stare on the chunky pint-sized traitor who had sewn the seeds of hate throughout his country. The assassin's index finger flexed and Martin Luther King met the same fate his rabble-rousing had inflicted on hundreds of others who had died in the mass savagery and destruction that marked the bloodspattered wake of King's "non-violent" demonstrations.

No responsible person can condone or accept cold-blooded murder as a rational act . . . I share the opinion of millions of law-abiding people who deplore the murder of King, as they deplore the wanton savagery and murder he incited — But, King was a traitor who served the Communist movement by continually defaming our nation and deliberately inciting wanton bloodbaths of naked savagery. — Therefore, I deplore and condemn the assassin's lawless act, but I do not mourn King's death.

The first "unbiased" news reports of King's killing feverishly pitched two conflicting "inside" stories. One pitch reported the Red Reverend was shot by a "deranged white racist," a "depraved maniac," operating alone, NOT a member of a conspiracy plot . . . The equally publicized conflicting "inside" reports spread rumors that King had been gunned down by a triggerman of a dark conspiracy plotted by the "CIA" (Central Intelligence Agency, espionage and counter-espionage apparatus of the U.S.)

### FACTS AND FANTASY

When the FACTS about the King killing were finally revealed (but only to a very few) the Liberal's revolting anti-American denunciations and their well publicized "inside information" about a "white racist maniac" and/or the "CIA plot" routines were proved to be pure HOGWASH. A fact the "unbiased" media managed to "overlook."

The investigation of the King killing uncovered a bizarre affair that surpassed most fictional thrillers. (Even the investigation was filled with "fiction"). Everyone in the world who can read or watch television is aware an escaped convict named James Earl Ray was accused, tracked, apprehended and convicted of King's murder. Although there are dozens of strange unanswered aspects of the case (most were never revealed to the public) the majority of Americans are satisfied to believe that King's killer, James Ray, is doing a 99-year sentence in the Tennessee State Penitentiary for a murder he supposedly committed alone and without assistance.

The many unanswered aspects of the case clearly indicate Ray couldn't possibly have committed the crime alone. Some of the pointedly "overlooked" facts indicate that, although Ray was certainly involved, he may not have actually committed the murder himself.

### UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

The first unusual aspect of the case was uncovered within minutes after the fatal trigger-pull, when the murder weapon was found casually abandoned at the sniper's post, placed in a doorway where the police literally fell over it. The weapon, a 30 cal. rifle, was covered with fingerprints . . . The FBI quickly determined the prints were those of wanted fugitive James Ray who escaped from the State Prison at Jefferson City, Missouri on April 23, 1967, one year to the month before the King killing.

**QUESTION:** Why would an escaped convict, knowing his fingerprints were on file at every law enforcement agency in the country, make a deliberate effort to present the police with a murder weapon covered with his prints?

The answer seems obvious. The police were intentionally directed to look for James Earl Ray.

Many questions arose (but went unanswered) regarding the startling contradictions concerning Ray's character and background, compared to his actions before and after the King killing . . . Ray's record proved he was a strictly small-time crook, short on intelligence and money — a garden-variety punk who had never voiced any interest in politics or "White Supremacy" . . . Yet, in tracking-down the small-time crook, the FBI was lead on a twisted trail of international intrigue, leading from Memphis to Canada, across the Atlantic to England, then to Portugal and back to England, where Ray was apprehended, as he prepared to board a plane for Belgium.

The investigation also revealed that prior to the killing, Ray made a deliberate attempt to establish a false identity, traveling from California to Georgia, using the name "Eric Stavro Galt" . . . Expensive and elaborate precautions for a killer who literally painted himself into the police bullseye by deliberately presenting them with the murder weapon covered with his fingerprints.

The "unbiased" news media managed to "overlook" reporting the FBI investigation also revealed Ray, the supposedly "broke" escaped convict, also made a trip to Mexico a short time before the King killing. (FBI reports prove another assassin made a Mexican trip before he pulled the trigger that ended the Kennedy Administration.)

With the prints on the strangely convenient murder weapon (like the equally convenient weapon in the Kennedy killing) the police identified Ray and within hours of the murder his picture was splashed across every front page and television tube in the nation — yet the “broke” small-time crook, supposedly a maniac working entirely alone, used TWO cars SIMULTANEOUSLY (identical white Mustangs) to escape the police caldron around Memphis that was thrown into confusion by a series of phony radio reports that were broadcast on the police radio frequencies by “unidentified sources.” (One of the Mustangs was equipped with a “whiplash” aerial used to broadcast radio messages.)

The “solitary maniac” then managed to somehow “stumble through” a massive manhunt and proceed along an intricate international escape route, complete with prearranged hideouts and foreign contacts who supplied him with expertly forged passport credentials.

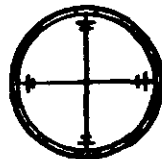
(The phony credentials were even made out in the name of a Canadian who actually resembled Ray.)

Even a driveling idiot would find it impossible to believe a “manical” small-time crook could pull a lightening escape driving two cars simultaneously (while broadcasting false police reports) then travel over 1000 miles, slip across the Canadian border, hole-up in Toronto, then flee to Europe with professionally forged documents he “just happened to pick up” . . . But in spite of this, the “unbiased” news stories that followed Ray’s arrest pointedly avoided any mention of an international conspiracy (they even dropped their original “CIA Plot” pitch) and kept publicizing their sophomoric tales about “inside information” that Ray was an amateur assassin, a “deranged racist” who shot King in a manical attempt to “perpetuate White Supremacy.”

The investigators state the assassination appears to have been carefully staged to make it appear to have been the work of an amateur . . . Ray’s deliberate attempt to create a false identity, his knowledge of King’s last minute change of motels, the killer’s deadly accuracy, his clean getaway and ability to disappear without a trace — indicate the assassination was a very professional affair

Communists are making a determined effort to sell the story that King’s assassination was ordered by the “White Establishment” — However, the investigation turned up facts indicating King’s killer was hired by someone close to King or actually one of his most trusted aides or “advisors.” — King’s closest friends and Communist aides in his “Southern Christian Leadership Conference” have showed absolutely no interest in whether the killer is found . . .

King’s fellow Reds used his death to gather international publicity and support for their deceptive “civil rights” subversive activities — but NOT ONE of the communists who glorified King as a god-like Messiah have helped in the investigation, or exhibited even a passing interest in catching their Messiah’s slayer.



### THE AMATEUR PRO

The well-executed assassination, and the killer’s faultless escape were obviously NOT the acts of a madman. They required careful planning and a coordinated effort.

The media’s “unbiased” rumor mongers blithely ignored the glaring evidence of a well planned international conspiracy and sought to sell their “amateur assassin” drivel by pointing-out the murder weapon was “not suited to automatic fire.” (It was semi-automatic pump-action). The self-appointed “assassination experts” maintained a “pro” would never use such a weapon . . . The “experts” overlooked the fact the weapon used to kill President Kennedy (another very professional job) was also non-automatic (a bolt-action rifle).

Since the news media czars were responsible for the phony propaganda that elevated “The King” to his throne, the “unbiased” news czars were loath to reveal federal intelligence agency reports that clearly indicate King’s murder was ordered by the same group that planned and directed his ersatz “Freedom Crusade” and the entire so-called “Civil Rights Movement.”

For some unexplained reason, the noble prosecution attorneys who rushed through Ray’s trial took pains to “overlook” several facts that clearly indicated the assassination was an “inside setup.” Here are the key questions that were never asked. They are still unanswered, in spite of the fact (as revealed later in this report) various congressional leaders have been provided with the answers by FBI reports on the “King File.”

Unless an assassin is willing to sacrifice his life in a suicidal “gesture,” it is extremely difficult to shoot a heavily guarded man like King and escape alive. Since King had started a vicious riot in Memphis during his “non-violent” crusade of the proceeding week, and was making a return visit to deliberately violate a court order by leading another “non-violent” riot, “The King” and his motel were surrounded by a platoon of heavily armed police, in addition to his regular squad of personal bodyguards.

To drop his man and escape the army of guards, the assassin had to fire from a well-concealed position that afforded both a clear field of fire and a quick escape route. To select such a position the assassin had to know exactly where his target would be at a specific time.

King’s killer obviously knew exactly when and where King would be exposed. The assassin walked straight into a perfect sniper position, a communal bathroom in a flophouse located directly across from King’s motel. Within minutes after his arrival, King appeared on his balcony. The triggerman nailed his easy target then quickly escaped onto another street.

● How did the assassin know King would be in the Lorraine Motel? This is a vital point, since the Red Reverend and his squalid squad had advance reservations at another hotel, but made a last-minute switch to the Lorraine less than two hours before they arrived.

● How did Ray know the location of King’s room? He had to know this in order to select his sniper post.

● How did Ray know exactly when King would step onto the balcony? Police and FBI reports prove Ray obviously knew exactly when his target would expose himself. Two witnesses stated Ray entered the hotel only a few minutes before the kill. The timing was perfect. (how long could the plan of staying locked in a communal bathroom?)

The assassin's perfect timing and complete knowledge of King's unscheduled movements leave only one possible conclusion: as stated by Senator James Eastland:

*"The mathematical odds that King would step from a certain room onto a balcony directly in front of an assassin are impossible to calculate. Only a man armed with exact details and accurate information could have positioned himself to fire the fatal shot.*

*"It is obvious that someone inside the King group had advised Ray."*

This obvious conclusion, pointedly and continually "overlooked" by the prosecution, promulgates an equally obvious question that remains unasked and unanswered:

## BETRAYER BETRAYED

The mysteriously sequestered FBI files reveal the King killing was etched with a grimly ironic touch of "Poetic Justice" that provided a classic, almost overly theatrical dead-end to King's twisted Treason Trek.

The FBI reports indicate King, the traitor who betrayed his followers, his church and his nation, was in turn betrayed by a man he trusted. The betrayer was betrayed.

The most pointedly "overlooked" item in the FBI report revealed "The King" was fingered by one of his closest associates. The Judas was a man who walked in King's shadow from the very beginning of the Civil Rights "crusade." He was a man, perhaps the only man, that King trusted blindly because he was the shadowy Puppet Master who commanded the phoney "Freedom Crusade" by issuing his orders through "The King," his puppet flunky.

The FBI report indicates King's quiet Puppet Master was himself an obedient servant of distant but all-powerful masters, the Supreme Soviet.

Why would the Reds knock-off an "associate" they had worked so hard to place in a position of international magnitude? . . . Anyone familiar with the deadly, devious and successful history of Communist political techniques will recognize the familiar pattern.

Most Americans are unable to comprehend the Communist's vast and completely impersonal plan of world conquest. Human life is the cheapest commodity in the Red plan. History proves the Communists have never hesitated to murder hundreds, thousands and even millions of innocent human beings to advance their cause . . . The Red conquests are smeared with hundreds of blood-baths, but in some instances the Reds have gone to great lengths to set up situations where they can make vast gains by killing one person.

The murder of King bears many very distinctive earmarks of such a plot . . . Check the facts:

# The Man From KGB

## EXCLUSIVE

■ In three exclusive interviews, top government sources advised this publication of the existence of CIA and FBI files that contain conclusive proof that Martin Luther King was "liquidated" on direct orders of the Supreme Soviet.

Washington sources (of congressional level) stated the intelligence reports rendered in closed-door meetings of the National Security Agency and Subversive Activities Control Board, indicate James Earl Ray was linked with a "Kill Squad" operational unit from "Department 13" in the "Third Directorate" of the Soviet KGB.

The KGB (Committee of State Security) is the Soviet international counterintelligence agency. "Dept. 13" of the dread "Third Directorate," referred to as "Mokrye Dola" (meaning "Wet Affairs"), is responsible for global executions of those named for "liquidation" by the Supreme Soviet. Intelligence files indicate the KGB kill squads have committed hundreds of murders throughout the world.

Many of the nation's top-eschelon political leaders (former and present) are aware of the damning information linking the KGB killers to King's murder. Why the politicoes have failed to reveal the truth is something known unto themselves alone. (The same bi-party group is also familiar with the information in the FBI file containing

The "Knowledgeable But Silent Set" includes former Atty. Generals Nicholas Katzenbach and Ramsey Clark, present Atty. Gen. John Mitchell, plus assorted Senators like John McClellan, William Proxmire, Karl Mundt and Carl Hayden; plus Congressmen Richard Ichord, Edwin Willis, John Ashbrook, William Tuck and Del Clawson — just to name a few.

## WHO BETRAYED "THE KING?"

For those who may still find it difficult to believe the Communists would zap their most effective front-man, let's review the "Profit Motive" involved in the King killing. (According to all available accounts, not a word has ever been published regarding the "Profit Motive")

Every murder investigation starts by attempting to determine who would profit by the victim's death. Strangely enough, this standard procedure was never applied to the King killing . . . in spite of the fact the "Profit Motive" leaves little doubt regarding who decided "The King" should die, and why.

## WHO PROFITED BY KING'S DEATH?

TIMING is the key factor in determining who or "what" profited most from "The King's" .30-caliber abdication. If the "unbiased" news media had published the truth, the public would have been aware of the fact King's phony act was running out of time — The assassin's bullet that provided an everlasting "sock finish" to his publicity-built image also drilled a mortal hole in plans for an impending congressional blockbuster expose that would have publically revealed King's rancid Red record.

Had he lived just a few more months, KING WOULD HAVE BEEN DENOUNCED AS A TRAITOR FROM THE FLOOR OF THE U.S. CONGRESS.

Shortly before the assassination, several senators and congressmen let it be known they were fed-up with King's phony posturing as a pious and patriotic "Freedom Fighter" while conspiring with Communists to device, vilify and betray the United States. Unlike ultra-Leftist Atty. Generals Katzenbach and Clark, the congressional leaders (including Sen. McClellan) believed their countrymen were entitled to know the truth about King's well-camouflaged treachery, so they were squaring-away to reveal the staggering contents of the voluminous FBI files on "The King's" subversive and grossly immoral activities.

**FACT:** The FBI file more than substantiates J. Edgar Hoover's statement that "King is one of the most notorious liars in the country," the records, photos, documents, films and tapes contain absolute proof of King's many contacts with avowed traitors, Communist "Black Panther" terrorists and Communist espionage agents.

The revealing FBI files also contain proof that "Reverend" King, the "Man of God" was actually an exceedingly profane and foulmouthed hypocrite who delighted in engaging in sewerdeep sex orgies (intergrated, of course).

**PUBLISHER'S NOTE:**

"Point-Blank" files include letters from four hotel officials verifying the fact King and his "associates" conducted drunken sex orgies while the "Freedom Fighters" stayed at their hotels.

**FACT:** These and other still secret details of King's rancid activities were revealed by J. Edgar Hoover to the "House Appropriations Committee," headed by Rep. John J. Rooney (D-N.Y.) The FBI report, delivered several weeks before King was gunned down, included staggering details of King's Communist contacts during his trips to Sweden and Communist East Germany — and the secret details of his then upcoming "Poor People's March" on Washington (later headed by Communist Bayard Rustin).

**FACT:** The FBI data revealing King's secret Communist contacts and their plans for the Washington march were so alarming the congressmen took the extraordinary step of briefing House Speaker John McCormack. The startling information caused McCormack to order extensive preparations, including alerting military units to stand-by to protect the Capitol against King's plan to incite a massive attack in which squads of well trained "Poor People" would pilage and, if possible, burn the Capitol Building in "protest." (The incendiary plan was altered to a "solom" approach to garner sympathy support from King's death and sandbag Congress into passing "Open Housing Act.")

**CONVENIENT TIMING**

The impending Congressional exposure of his well-hidden Communist activities clearly indicated "The King" was running-out of time. Even the propaganda puppets of the "unbiased" news media couldn't "overlook" a public congressional exposure of the FBI's unim-



James Earl Ray

In short, the rancid Red Reverend's phony "Freedom Fighter" facade was going to be smashed by a Congressional hammer of TRUTH and EXPOSURE, the only weapons for which there is no defense for a TRAITOR.

The Communist draftsmen of King's deceptive Treason Trek were impaled on the horns of a delima. How could they avoid the upcoming congressional expose that would destroy their carefully promoted phony Messiah and in turn blunt the cutting edge of their very effective "Civil Rights" attack? . . .

King had outlived his usefulness to the Communist cause, almost . . . "The King" could no longer lead the Red's subversive movement, but there was a way he could escape the congressional expose and still render inspiration to the Communist directed "cause" — as a MARTYR.

The nextbest thing to a courageous leader is a dead martyr, particularly if he is dramatically struck-down while championing his cause.

As "Luck" wouldhaveit, on the eve of the congressional expose "The King" was struck-down at the pinicale of his dazzling rise to power (via the "unbiased" propaganda campaign) . . . History proved the Reds again affirmed their expert ability to use publicity as an effective weapon. King still serves the Communist planned "Civil Rights" attack as its martyred champion and the FBI files are gathering dust.

Who profited most from King's dra-

Who ordered the kill? Consider the pointedly unpublicized facts about the investigation, Ray's international escape route and his link with the KGB "wet squad." You figureitout.

**FACT:** Senator James Eastland revealed testimony by FBI officials presented to the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, long before the assassination, exposed the fact King's quiet superior was one of the most powerful "deep cover" members of the secret "Executive Committee" of the Communist Party.

The FBI reportedly described King's shadowy boss as: "One of the top secret Communist agents in the United States."

**FACT:** The top secret Communist agent is identified in the FBI "King File," but the congressional leaders who heard the FBI report were ordered to keep his identity secret, "in the interest of national security."

The pointedly unpublished facts indicating King had outlived his usefulness and was therefore liquidated by his Communist compatriots leaves little doubt who "fingered" King into the assassin's sights.

Faced with the upcoming congressional expose that would reveal King's Communist record, the Puppet Master cut the control strings and preserved his treacherous marionette as a dead martyr, instead of a live traitor.

The propagandists of our "unbiased" news media also parroted thundering denunciations mouthed by top Communists and their contemptible cadre of pro-Red puppets (politely referred to as "Liberals") . . . The Leftists launched hysterical accusations that America, as a nation, was "guilty" of King's murder. The Liberal's charge that an entire nation should be condemned and held responsible for the criminal act of one person is asanine logic that would insult the intelligence of a 5-year-old, but the bovine tripe was instantly accepted as the official Liberal Litney and dutifully parroted by every fetid facet of the Left Wing, from grubby gaggles of Mau Mau terrorists to ivy-covered "Scholars," self-appointed "Intellectuals" and top government types, clear-up to Senatorial and Cabinet rank.

**PUBLISHERS NOTE:**

By a predictable "coincidence" the same idiotic "All America Is Guilty!" tripe gushed

# THE DEVIL'S TRUMPET

## BLACK WIDOW QUEEN

■ Immediately after "The King" experienced his 30-cal. abdication, his seldom-mentioned wife Coretta was jerked out of limbo and enthroned as "The Queen" of the twisted Treason Trek. Her "coronation" was catered by the same "unbiased" news media that crowned "The King" and hid his Red-lead treachery.

"The Queen" (called the "Black Widow" by those with an appreciation for double-edged puns) backed by the Black/Red hate merchants and her bloated court jester "Rotten Ralph" Abernathy, took up her sepia septr and embarked on a tearstained trail that soon discarded the phony star-spangled "All-American" facade and brazenly hoisted the Red banner of Riot, Ruin and Revolution. At last King's "crusade" was marching under true colors.

On April 27th, less than three weeks after "The King" met the fate he had delt others, the "Queen" appeared in widow's black before a massive "Anti-War" demonstration in New York's Central Park.

NOTE: The anti-war rally was sponsored and staged by the "S.D.S." and the "United Black Front." Both identified as subversive Communist organizations, directed by avowed traitors.

The Queen's address set the new tempo of the supposedly "humaritarian" SCLC. Queen Coretta dropped any reference to "Equality" and her husband's threadbare "Human Rights" routine. Instead of wailing the "Let My People Go" chant, the Queen earned her "Black Widow" title by launching an all-out hard-core Communist propaganda tirade. "Queen" King urged the mass of mini-minded misfits to honor the memory of her husband, then proceeded to denounce America for interfering with the Viet Cong's efforts in behalf of achieving "World Peace."

Even the old-line Leftist propaganda puppets of the "unbiased" press were appalled when Queen Coretta went on to read what she said her husband had planned to present to the rally and "the world." The Queen titled King's proclamation:



## "KING'S TEN COMMANDMENTS ON VIETNAM"

- Thou shalt not believe in a military victory.
- Thou shalt not believe in a political victory.
- Thou shalt not believe that the Vietnamese love us.
- Thou shalt not believe that the Saigon government has the support of the people.
- Thou shalt not believe that the majority of South Vietnamese look upon the Viet Cong as terrorists.
- Thou shalt not believe the figures of killed enemies or killed Americans.
- Thou shalt not believe that our generals know best.
- Thou shalt not believe that the enemy's victory means Communism.
- Thou shalt not believe that the world supports the United States.
- Thou shalt not kill.

It staggers the imagination to realize the "Black Widow" actually spewed this vile Communist dung, then insisted she and her fetid henchmen were dedicated "advancing the cause of Americanism and Democracy," but that is exactly what she did. For those who may (understandably) doubt this; check the "Associated Press" news release dated April 27, and published April 28, 1968.

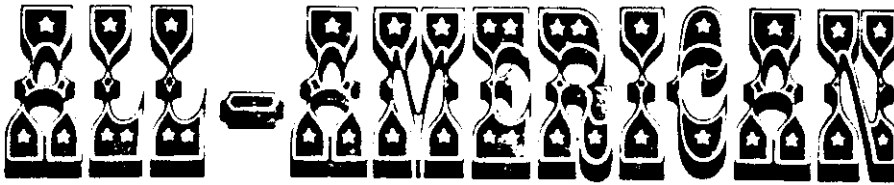
The pro-Red rumors are still being publicized, but the "unbiased" news media have failed to report recent facts regarding King's murder indicate the assassin's trigger-pull was backed by a carefully planned conspiracy — sponsored by the Communists.

## MAU MAU MEMORIAL

In spite of King's hard-core Communist "Ten Commandments," the violence he incurred, the documented factual evidence of his Communist activities, his open support of the Viet Cong butchers and his denunciations of America, our Leftist Liberals are currently attempting to sucker the people King betrayed into donating money to build the much-publicized "King Memorial," in Atlanta.

## DEFINITION OF TREASON

"Whoever knowingly or willfully advocates, abets, advises, or teaches the duty, necessity, or desirability or propriety of overthrowing the government of the United States, or the government of any state, territory, district, or possession thereof, or the government of any political subdivision therein by force or violence, or by assassination of any officer of any such government or whoever with intent to cause the overthrow or destruction of any such government, prints, publishes, edits, issues, circulates, sells, or distributes or publicly displays any written or printed matter advocating, advising, or teaching the duty, necessity, desirability, or propriety of overthrowing or destroying any government of the United States by force or violence or attempts to do so, or whoever organizes or helps or attempts to organize any society, group, or assembly of persons who teach, advocate, or encourage the overthrow or destruction of any such government by force or violence or becomes a member of, or affiliates with any such society, group, or assembly of persons, knowing the purpose thereof, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both, and shall be ineligible for employment by the United States or any department or agency thereof for the five years next following his conviction." (USC 2385 supp. 1952)



## RANCID RABBLEROUSERS

### SCLC BACKS TERRORISTS

**FACT:** On Jan. 23, 1970, Ralph Abernathy, speaking as czar of the "humanitarian" Southern Christian Leadership Conference, proudly announced the SCLC pledged its moral and financial support to the 21 Black Panther terrorists who were jailed when caught in the act of planning to place bombs in various New York public buildings. (two department stores, a railroad terminal and a police station)

#### REFERENCES:

Associated Press  
United Press International

According to Abernathy, the squalid squad of kill-crazy Mau Mau misfits are being "persecuted" by police who (get this) "Deprived the Black Panthers of their Right of Dissent." Abernathy (the pro-Red minister who molests little girls) went on to say the Panther's acts are: "natural reactions of Black people who are fighting for their lives against the White plot to exterminate the Black Americans."

Needless to say, the "unbiased" news media have never revealed "non-violent" King and Abernathy's connection with this Black Power terrorist organization.

### NEWBOY COMINGUP

"P/B" recently received reports from a federal agency that indicate Comrade Rustin is grooming a replacement to take over the SCLC command from the fumbling Abernathy.

Replacing a well trained, articulate and highly experienced hate-hustling con-man like "The King" with an inarticulate bloated fop like Abernathy is like replacing Attila the Hun with Fatty Arbuckle. Limpwristed comrade Rustin and his Red superiors are engaged in bigtime TREASON, operated on an international scale; they need a firstclass pitchman to handle the job, but Abernathy's bovine Holly Roller style is a comically inadequate facsimile of King's phony but flamboyantly impressive pitch.



The afore-mentioned federal sources report Abernathy is currently being phased-out of the SCLC topspot. His replacement is Jesse Jackson, one of King's close but seldom publicized henchmen.

"Rev." Jackson, another "Holy Man," seems closer to the type of hustler needed to replace "The King." He's young, presenting a robust, relatively clean-cut and extremely forceful image. Jackson, a strutting arrogant from Greenville, South Carolina, was first introduced publically (via the "unbiased" news media) several months ago when he lead a Chicago "social demonstration," operating as chairman of "Operation Breadbasket," billed as the "economic arm" of the SCLC. He has appeared regularly in publicity "news" plugs since his "Breadbasket" debate. Jackson's national publicity "news" plugs have appeared with ever-increasing frequency, while Abernathy's publicity spots have declined at the same rate.

Unlike King's theatrical quasi-pulpit routine and Abernathy's bungling public addresses that resemble a Mongolian idiot struggling through a McGuffey Reader, Jackson goes after his audiences aggressively, his "Civil Rights" braying rings with slightly-muted versions of the open hostility and hard-core racist hate-mongering that spews from maniacal Mau Maus like Floyd ("Kill Crazy") McKissick and Communist Carmichael.

In December of '69, "Red Ralph" Abernathy and "Queen" Coretta King began setting the stage for the "patriotic" SCLC's new Mau Mau image by repeatedly pledging aid and support for the avowed Communist mob of mini-minded misfits who boast the predictably infantile comic book name, "Black Panthers." Their open endorsement of this kill-crazy Communist outfit, backed by the ever-increasing publicity promoting tough-talking Jesse Jackson, indicates the SCLC is finally discarding "The King's" phony cloak of "patriotism" and "non-violence."



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■ There you have it — Just a few of the many well-hidden rancid but true facts behind the propaganda campaign that masked the long and twisted "Treason Trek" of our nation's most deceptive traitor, Martin Luther King.

Remember the facts revealed in this "POINT-BLANK" report the next time you hear the SCLC praised, or see a picture of "The King" displayed in your local church or school.

This article is not intended to imply: "There Is a Red Behind Every Bush," but it is intended to prove there ARE Communists actively working to betray this country, your country.

In most cases these traitors mask their treachery behind phony facades of "Civic Interest," always wrapped in Red, White & Blue.

Remember, these traitors do exist. They are working to destroy your country and, if necessary, YOU. Do not be deceived — THEY ARE HERE — NOW, RIGHT NOW!

This article will undoubtedly provoke the usual condemnations and wild accusations from the so-called "Liberals" and others of their ilk . . . Following the standard Red defense trick of: "The Best Defense Is a Strong Offense," the Swill-Slingers will attempt to draw attention away from themselves by attacking "P-B" as a "Fascist Hate-Sheet," a "Bircher Propaganda Rag," etc.

Just for the record — I am NOT a member of the John Birch Society or any other organization . . . As for the information and opinions in this article: The facts speak for themselves, check them. The opinions are my own and I stand ready to back them, anytime and anywhere . . . Two years ago I was attacked and shot by a six-thug squad of Mau Maus for exposing a local NAACP loud-mouth. I took a Luger slug through my leg, but P/B is still being published and the gutless triggerman is in the state penitentiary, and I'm still ready to back my opinions.

If this material offends, angers or enrages the Communists or their foul following of mitfits and traitors — Frankly, I DON'T GIVE A DAMN . . . I consider it a genuine pleasure to expose anyone and everyone who seeks to subvert and betray my country.

If this article is responsible for preventing just one person from being duped into joining or supporting any of the many subversive front-groups, I will consider my time and effort well spent.

Before joining any group or organization, do not be misled by high-sounding titles or pious slogans. BE SURE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GETTING INTO!

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**[Redacted]**  
Maryville, Tennessee 37801

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Dear **[Redacted]**

In response to your letter of June 29th, at a press conference on November 18, 1964, I stated that Martin Luther King was the most notorious liar in the country. I did so because he had grossly distorted the facts concerning our Special Agents handling civil rights investigations in the South.

With respect to Mrs. Julia Brown, she furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1951 to 1960. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. Her views are strictly her own and do not represent the FBI in any way. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I cannot comment further concerning her.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Our files contain nothing identifiable regarding correspondent.

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Maryville, Tenn.  
June 29, 1970

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Thanks

  
Maryville, Tenn

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Fern Park, Florida 32730

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Dear [Redacted]

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Thank you for your letter of June 23rd, with enclosure. I very much appreciate your kind sentiments and generous comments. I am sorry to learn of your illness and certainly hope that the treatment you are receiving will bring about an improvement.

With respect to your remarks, I have no present thought of retiring and it is my hope to remain in my current position as long as I can be of service to our Nation.

As you requested, I am returning my letter of August 10, 1965, to you.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosure

NOTE: Correspondent is identifiable in Bufiles only in connection with this 8/10/65 letter in response to his inquiry regarding Martin Luther King.

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Farr Park, Florida.  
June 23rd, 1970.

Mr Hoover,

I consider it a pleasure to write you, busy as I know you are, since both of us have passed the proverbial "Three score and ten" milestone, tho, you do have an edge in that direction!

Our breed seems to belong to the nowadays "Vanishing American" when I check up on the present-day examples of same! What in God's name will our country be like long after you and I are gone? Like yourself, I gave "Uncle" 37 years of my life in Federal civil service, plus Army and Navy duty when it was needed, and, now retired on disability, since 1952.

The enclosed letter from you has been appreciated (please return same) relative to a photograph I sent you, some years ago, of the nowlamented late Martin Luther King taken in Mississippi among his Communist comrades. "As ye sow, so shall ye reap" seemed a fitting climax to this disgraceful event! (I realize your high position calls for 'no comment' which is as it should be).

*Handwritten initials*

I do hope you enjoy your well-deserved retirement when you decide on same. As for me, doctors recently told me I have prostatic cancer, and am now on female hormone treatment to arrest same. Guess I'll end up an amorphodite! I feel fine, no discomfort, so-o-o, I'll settle for that, come what may! I have a wife, children, and grandchildren, so, what more can any man ask for!

With my best wishes for your continued good health, sir, I'll close with "God bless and protect you and America":

Very sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

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Brooksville, Mississippi 39739

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of June 5th, with enclosures, has been received. In reply to your inquiry, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I regret I cannot be of assistance to you in this instance and I am returning the material you sent.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Born in 1902 maybe I am getting a bit rusty and senile but not enough so to forget some correspondent interviewed you or else there appeared an article in Reader's Digest concerning Martin Luther King's left-wing activity shortly before he was killed in Memphis.

That subject was dropped very suddenly and abrupt after the shooting. Since that time we have heard only praise coming from writers for King.

We certainly do not wish to over-step ourselves nor ask for secret information but, if it is not asking too much we would like to know just what this article contained. Some way, we misplaced Digest that carried the story.

Very truly yours,

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READER'S DIGEST

PLEASANTVILLE • N. Y. 10670

June 2, 1970

Dear [redacted] b7(c)

We have checked the master index and find no reference to an article by J. Edgar Hoover about Martin Luther King. Sorry.

Enclosed with our compliments are tear sheets of "Martin Luther King's Tragic Decision" September 1967 and "Martin Luther King's March on Washington" April 1968 Reader's Digest. Perhaps you will enjoy reading them.

Thank you for your interest in the magazine.

Sincerely,

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Atlanta, Georgia 30319

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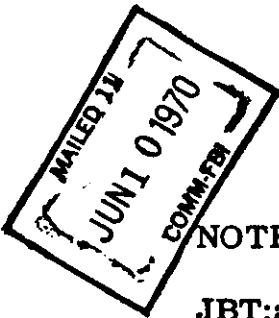
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Your letter was received on June 8th. In response to your inquiries, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to be of assistance to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director



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The F. B. I.  
Washington, D. C.

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To whom it may concern:

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Dear Sirs:

I am sorry I don't know which department I want. But I would like to get all or at least some information about Martin Luther King. What organizations to which he belonged. Schools he attended, etc. I understand he attended Highlander School in Tenn. and I would like the dates. I want to have facts before making statements, even though I do beleive them.

Yours truly,

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**[Redacted signature]**

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Atlanta, Ga. 30319

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The F.B.I.  
Washington, D.C.

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Yours, truly,

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Atlanta, Ga. 30319

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June 3, 1970

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[Redacted]

Dawson Springs, Kentucky 42408

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Dear [Redacted]

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In reply to the inquiry in your letter which I received on June 1st, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I have never publicly stated that he was a communist.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Dawson Springs, Kentucky

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May 26, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director of F.B.I.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

It has been said that you have made the statement that Martin Luther King was a communist. It is almost impossible for me to believe that this is true, knowing the fact that he was pastor of a large church as was his father before him. Just what do you base your facts on?

Yours truly

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Dawson Springs, Ky 42408

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 6/1/70

FROM : T. E. Bishop *Ray*

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DATE 2-16-81 BY SP4JMD

SUBJECT: JIM BISHOP, AUTHOR; *6026*  
PROPOSED BOOK ON MARTIN LUTHER KING

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You will recall that "Reader's Digest" has contracted with Jim Bishop, a well-known author, to do a book on the Martin Luther King assassination case. In contacts which Bishop has had with "Reader's Digest" concerning this matter, it was indicated that the book by Bishop would deal with the assassination of Martin Luther King and the hunt for, and apprehension of, the assassin by the FBI. Such a book, of course, would be most favorable to the FBI and our work in the case. We have not started working with Bishop in the preparation of the book because of the fact that James Earl Ray has filed a number of appeals in his case, all one still being pending, and the Department has not yet authorized us to begin working with an author in connection with this case.

On May 21, 1970, by referral from Mr. DeLoach's Office, I received a phone call from Jim Bishop from Florida. He stated that he had recently had a conversation with Robert Cousins, an editor with Funk and Wagnalls, which is the publishing house for "Reader's Digest," about his proposed book on Martin Luther King. Cousins indicated that he had been led to believe by Hobart Lewis, President of "Reader's Digest," that Bishop had indicated an unwillingness to have his manuscript reviewed for accuracy upon its completion. Bishop advised me that he has always submitted his manuscripts for review to persons or agencies which have cooperated with him in the preparation of books and he would welcome such review by the Bureau in connection with any book he may do on Martin Luther King.

At this point, Bishop indicated in his conversation with me that what he has been considering in connection with the book regarding Martin Luther King is a biographical book on King which would end with King's death and the declaration of national days of mourning for King by the President. He indicated that he was extremely interested in getting all possible information concerning King from the FBI that he could, particularly that type of information which

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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Bishop to DeLoach memo (continued)  
Re: JIM BISHOP, AUTHOR

would show King's immoral character, the influence over him by subversive elements, etc. He indicated that he was considering keeping his book strictly one of a biographical nature rather than one which would deal with the details of King's assassination and the Bureau's hunt for the killer and the apprehension of the latter.

On June 1, 1970, you (Mr. DeLoach) telephonically contacted Bishop and advised him in no uncertain terms that it would not be possible for the Bureau to furnish him any information whatsoever concerning King's immoral character or his communist or subversive connections. He was advised that this information was classified and had never been released by the FBI to any source outside of the Government. He was told that, if and when we get clearance from the Department to do so, we would be willing to cooperate with him in a book which would treat solely with the assassination and the events leading up to the identity and capture of James Earl Ray, the assassin.

*(This subject approved by J)*

Bishop advised you (Mr. DeLoach) that he had apparently been under a misapprehension as to the type of book which "Reader's Digest" expected him to write on Martin Luther King. He stated that he would be favorably disposed toward doing a book dealing with the assassination of King, but he wished to discuss the matter further with "Reader's Digest."

Inasmuch as we have not yet received clearance from the Department to cooperate in the preparation of a book on the assassination of King, no further action will be taken on this matter until such clearance is received and until we are assured by Bishop that his book will treat with the assassination of King rather than being a biography of him attempting to expose his immoral character and communist connections.

RECOMMENDATION:

No additional action is recommended until we have received clearance from the Department on this matter.

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Sterling Park, Virginia 22170

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Dear [Redacted]

In reply to your letter of May 21st, Mrs. Julia Brown furnished information on subversive activities to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1951 to 1960. Although she was not an employee of this Bureau, she was compensated for her services. In keeping with my long-standing policy, I cannot comment further regarding Mrs. Brown.

Although I would like to be of assistance, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Sterling Park, Va  
May 21, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I realize you're a very busy man, but I would greatly appreciate your answering this question for me; ie, was Martin L. King, Jr. an active Communist or was he as he appeared to his followers?

You see, my father & I have had a running "discussion" about this man for the past several years. Recently he sent me a clipping from the Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tenn. The article was an interview with a Negro woman supposedly an ex-FBI agent. The woman stated that King was a Communist, that the Reds were involved in all the civil rights programs, etc, etc.

*Julia Brown*

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Perhaps my letter seems trivial & inconsequential in our complex & troubled world. However, I'm writing mostly for my father. He's a heart patient & now, we fear, also has cancer. He has great faith in you, & I know it would please him very much to finally learn the truth.

Thank you for your time & patience.

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Respectfully,

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*Sterling Park, Va 22170*

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Detroit, Michigan 48224

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Sincerely  
[Redacted Signature]

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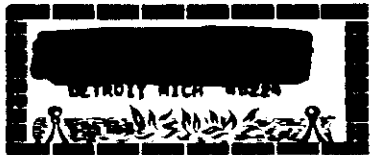
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b7(c) Sincerely [Redacted]  
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[Redacted address block]

Kansas City, Missouri 64152

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Dear [Redacted name]

In reply to your letter of May 12th, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I regret I cannot be of assistance to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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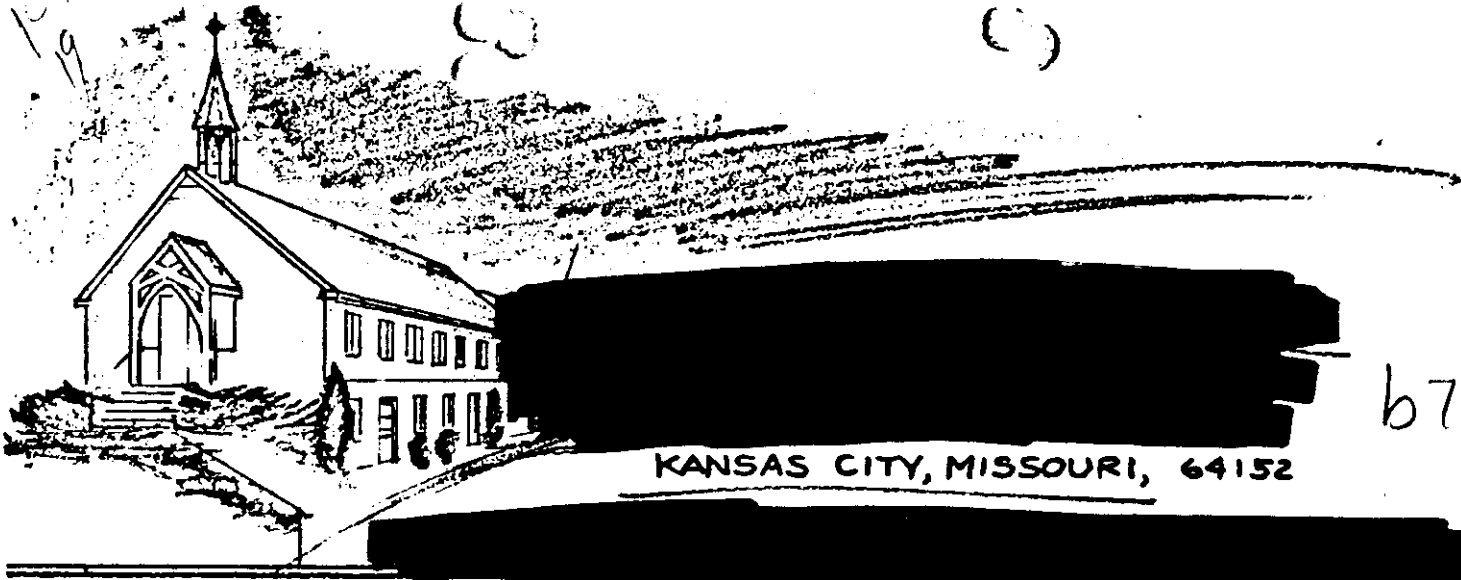
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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, 64152

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May 12, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been told that you and the Federal Bureau of Investigation have conducted an investigation of the late Martin Luther King, Jr. and of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. I have been told further that your investigation showed that King was a member of many Communist and subversive groups. If such an investigation was made and if the report of it is available, can you tell me how to get a copy of the report?

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Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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[Redacted]

Elmira, New York 14904 -

b7(c) Dear [Redacted]

I received your letter on May 18th. In reply to your inquiry, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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J. Edgar Hoover,  
F.B.I. Director,  
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Will you kindly advise me of the truth (or falsity) of the reports I have read relative to Doctor Martin Luther King, belonging to several Communist Front Organizations.

You, of course, are well aware of the controversy as to the 'proper honor' due him - and holding a holiday to commemorate his death, etc.

I'd be so grateful for the truth about this man.

Sincerely,

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May 18, 1970

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. DE LOACH  
MR. ROSEN  
MR. SULLIVAN  
MR. BISHOP

*Martin L. King*

Vice President Spiro Agnew called. He said he wanted to talk to me about something to see whether I could be of some assistance. He said he was really concerned about the continuing inflammatory pro-  
fessments of Ralph D. Abernethy. I commented that he is one of the worst. The Vice President said he has seen some of the background material on him and he knows what that is, but it is beyond the pale as far as executive  
one is concerned. He said in view of what went on in Augusta and other places, it is important to have the information that revolved around this; the involvement of these people, what information we have, whether fleeing from looting or what is going on. He asked if there is any information available.

I told him we are working on these at the present time, both in Augusta, Atlanta, and Jackson, where the recent demonstrations have taken place. I said we have pretty well concluded our investigation at Kent State University as to the shooting and, as always happens, we found a considerable amount of firearms in the dormitories and rooms of the students, whether they used them or not is a question; some say there was sniping and some say there was not. I said the same is true at Jackson as there are allegations of sniping at the troops before they fired and denials. We are interviewing all the individuals who had any knowledge, students, et cetera. I said the problem at Kent was they closed the university and the students departed for all parts of the country, but we finished the preliminary report on that and will finish today the final report on Kent, while at Atlanta, Augusta, and Jackson, it will probably be another week before we will have the preliminary reports. I said it is six of one and a half dozen of another, as you can't say it is proper to shoot, but we found at Kent that they were throwing 7 pound rocks at the soldiers and they hit one Guardsman in the back and knocked him down. There is just a man being can stand, and it is the same thing here at Maryland University. I said the National Guard is on the campus and they propose

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Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, DeLoach, Rosen, Sullivan, Bishop

have a demonstration today and the Guardsmen are present, but they have been blocking Highway No. 1 most every day. I said very fortunately, they have arrested and charged three of the leaders for the damage done to the Administration Building when they went in the other night and broke the furniture, et cetera.

The Vice President said what he wants to be able to do is bring out some facts the media conveniently overlooked. I said they never give the things that are being done constructively, many times by students, to try to prevent this, but they emphasize all the things these jerks are doing.

The Vice President said he saw a picture about Augusta showing some of the Negroes jumping out of store windows with loot and booty and fleeing and you never hear anything about that. He said whatever I can give him that can ameliorate some of the report; that he understands some of these things are wrong and we are probably going to find some of the shootings showed too much force, but none the less, the people have to understand the very thrust of the newspaper articles is that a bunch of police shot down six Negroes and what happened before -- why did they shoot at them -- not just because they felt like killing people. I said they were severely provoked at Kent and we will finish Augusta, Atlanta, and Jackson this week.

I told the Vice President I was sending to him Wednesday, the material Kent Cross asked for, which gives in summary the material we have sent in detail.

The Vice President said he thought he was going to have to start destroying Abernathy's credibility, so anything I can give him would be appreciated. I told him I would be glad to. I said I was the only one who spoke out against Martin Luther King and I got hell, but I did not give a damn because it is more like bouquets than brickbats from some people. The Vice President said we can't let demagogues become martyrs and heroes. I said I had briefed the Appropriations Committee about his (King's) background and it has been effective recently because they have been trying



May 18, 1970

Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, DeLoach, Rosen, Sullivan, Bishop

to make a national holiday of his birthday, and many of the congressmen who have been doing it. I said I did not put it on the record, but I told the Appropriations Committee about his Cadillac and his degeneracy and his recordings, but it was never made public as I gave it off the record to the Committee and they have, in turn, briefed some of their colleagues, but I will see that he, the Vice President, gets the details even before we finish the report.

The Vice President said he would like to be thoroughly conversant with all of that because if the crisis comes where we need to throw it, he will. I told him I would get it over in the next 24 to 48 hours as to the highlights. The Vice President thanked me.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

May 13, 1970

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Fresno, California 93705

Dear [Redacted] b7(c)

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J. Edgar Hoover

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May 3, 1970

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Sincerely Yours,

Address:

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Honorable William B. Spong, Jr.  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

My dear Senator:

Your communication to the Department of Justice regarding the inquiry of [redacted] of Chester, Virginia, has been referred to this Bureau and was received on April 29th.

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I received an identical letter from your constituent regarding the editorial in "The Richmond News Leader." On April 14, 1970, I advised [redacted] that information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Re: [handwritten initials]

NOTE: We have had friendly relations with Senator Spong (D-Virginia). We have had friendly relations over the years with "The Richmond News Leader." By letter 4/8/70, [redacted] wrote us identical letter and sent editorial. We wrote him on 4/14/70 and advised him as above.

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Washington, D. C., April 24, 19 70

*Respectfully referred to*

Mr. Herbert E. Hoffman  
Chief, Legal and Legislative  
Section  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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William B. Spong, Jr.,

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# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

FREDERICK J. LORDAN, STAFF DIRECTOR

April 24, 1970

[REDACTED]

Chester, Virginia 23831

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your recent letters concerning a number of important issues.

I have asked the Justice Department to comment on the Richmond News Leader editorial and I will be in further contact with you when I receive the reply.

I appreciate very much having your views on the other issues which you discussed.

Sincerely,

William B. Spong, Jr.

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Chester, Virginia 23831

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April 8, 1970

Hon. William B. Spong, Jr.  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Spong:

Re: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.


Enclosed is a photocopy of an editorial which appeared  
in the Richmond News Leader, June 26, 1969.

I write to ask if you have any information as to the  
authenticity of the wire taps mentioned in this editorial.

My curiosity is prompted by the repeated efforts to  
have Dr. King's birthday declared a national holiday, when it  
appears that there is some evidence that he was engaged in  
disloyal activities.

Sincerely yours,

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# Why the King Wiretap?

It is not generally known, but the liberals are primarily responsible for the FBI wiretap controversy involving their slain heroes, Senator Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King.

Black columnist Carl T. Rowan, close to both the Kennedys and King, touched off the fireworks in a Washington *Star* article last week, which was quickly amplified by other liberal commentators. Mr. Rowan accused FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover of flouting the law in tapping King's phone and called for his resignation.

The Rowan article was undoubtedly prompted by evidence brought forth in the case of former heavyweight boxing champion Cassius Clay, who is appealing a conviction of draft dodging. The U.S. Supreme Court ordered Houston Federal Judge Joseph Ingraham to hold a special hearing to determine whether illegal wiretap testimony was used to convict Clay. Judge Ingraham pronounced one recorded conversation between Clay and King as a matter of national security and refused to let it be made public.

Responding to the Rowan attack in a low-key, matter-of-fact way, Mr. Hoover pointed out that in June 1963 Senator Kennedy, who was then attorney general, not only proposed that King's phone be tapped but authorized it "in writing." Inasmuch as the attorney general is the FBI director's boss, Mr. Hoover, obviously, was only carrying out his orders.

Mr. Hoover's position on this point has become unassailable with support from President Richard Nixon and former Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach. President Nixon told his televised news conference Thursday evening that he had personally checked into the matter and "found that it (wiretapping) has always been approved by the attorney general." Mr. Katzenbach, who was brought into the government by the Kennedys, confirmed that Mr. Kennedy "personally authorized each telephone wiretap—as had his predecessors and successors. . . ."

Now that it has been established beyond all reasonable doubt that Rob-

ert Kennedy ordered the FBI to put Martin Luther King under surveillance, the natural question arising in the public mind is: why?

The highly-respected, nationally-syndicated columnist Paul Scott last week suggested some reasons:

Summaries of the recordings (of private conversations Dr. Martin Luther King conducted), as revealed to members of the House Appropriations Subcommittee, clearly indicate that King was in direct contact with one of the most influential Communists in the U.S.

With leads obtained from their electronic eavesdropping, the FBI was able to confirm that this Kremlin agent, whose influence extended into the highest ranks of the Communist Party, USA, was one of King's ghost writers and chief advisers.

In addition to evidence gained from the King recordings, the FBI succeeded in taking several photographs of the civil rights leader meeting with this covert Communist operator at one of the major U.S. airports.

... These and other still secret details of King's activities were revealed by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover to members of the (House) subcommittee shortly before the civil rights leader was slain.

So alarming was the FBI's data on King that the lawmakers took the extraordinary step of briefing House Speaker John McCormack. . . .

The House Democratic leaders, all strong supporters of the late President Kennedy, were reputedly shocked at the gutter-type language King used in private conversations about the late President.

Other recordings in the FBI files dealt extensively with his private life, according to the legislators, and showed that there were two Kings—one the public knew and the other known only to his closest friends and the FBI.

Should supporters of King, pump new life into the stalled drive in Congress to create a national holiday honoring him, demands could become forthcoming from anti-King legislators that Hoover be called to testify. If that occurs, the 'Martin Luther King tapes' could become big news.

As Columnist Scott suggests, the movement to mark King's birthday as a national holiday, the Houston court hearings, and the renewed national wiretap controversy indicate that the final chapter in the Martin Luther King story is yet to be written.

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[REDACTED]  
Valley, Washington 99181

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of April 30th. In reply to your inquiry, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

I understand the concern which prompted you to write and I am enclosing some material which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (4)

An Analysis of the New Left: A Gospel of Nihilism

A Statement on Communism, 3/27/67

A Study in Marxist Revolutionary Violence: SDS, 1962-1969

Director's Testimony, 4/17/69, re Communist, Racial and Extremist Groups

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Valley, Wa 99181

April 30, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director of the F.B.I.  
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

If the accusations made in this pamphlet are true, I would like to hear it from you. How does the average person know what to believe? I have always had great faith in our F.B.I., but I've noticed that you rarely make the front page anymore. According to the "Birchers", Education and the news media are Communist controlled. What I would like to hear, is the truth about the whole mess.

Iron curtains would not go well with my furniture and carpet and if that's to be our future decour, I want to be first to protest.

Very truly yours,

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Martin Luther King

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An Anti-Communist Negro  
Makes This Appeal:

Please Don't Help Glorify  
Martin Luther King

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by Mrs. Julia Brown

*Presented by the nationwide network of TACT Committees,  
to help spread the Truth About Civil Turmoil.*



Mrs. Julia Brown spent more than nine years as a member of the Communist Party in Cleveland, Ohio, serving as an undercover operative for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. She "surfaced" in 1962, to testify in Washington about her experiences and to describe how the Communists plan to use Negroes as "cannon fodder" in their program of racial agitation. Today, she continues to risk her life on coast-to-coast speaking tours, exposing the Communist-led revolutionaries who pose "a clear and present danger" to Americans of every race.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, once called Martin Luther King "the most notorious liar in the country." I agree with him. But I also believe that Mr. King was one of the worst enemies my people ever had.

I know that it is considered poor taste to speak ill of the dead. But when someone served the enemies of our country while alive, and his name is still used by his comrades to promote anti-American activities, shouldn't people who know the truth speak out?

I learned many surprising things while I served in the Communist Party for the FBI. Communist leaders told us about the demonstrations that would be started, the protest marches, the demands that would be made for massive federal intervention. Every Communist was ordered to help convince American Negroes that we are no better off than slaves. Wherever we went and whatever we did, we were to promote race consciousness and resentment, because the Communists know that the technique of *divide and conquer* really works.

We were also told to promote Martin Luther King, to unite Negroes and whites behind him, and to turn him into some sort of

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This check, from an official Communist front and signed by two identified Communists, is just one of many payments to Martin Luther King from the sworn enemies of our country.



*This photograph was taken at a Communist training school in Tennessee. It shows: (1) Martin Luther King, (2) Abner Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, (3) Communist Aubrey Williams of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, and (4) school director Myles Horton.*

national hero. We were to look to King as the *leader* in this struggle, the Communists said, because he was on our side!

I know they were right, because while I was in the Communist Party I learned that Martin Luther King attended a Communist training school. I learned that several of his aides and assistants were Communists, that he received funds from Communists, and that he was taking directions from Communists.

Most Americans never look at the Communist press in this country. If they did, they would learn that the Communists loved Martin Luther King. He was one of their biggest heroes. And I know for a fact the Communists would never have promoted him, financed him, and supported him if they couldn't *trust* him. He carried out their orders just as slavishly as Party members in Cleveland, Ohio.

Martin Luther King may never have carried a Communist Party membership card. That's not important. Most of the people the Communists counted on to further their work were not official members of the Communist Party. But I am as certain as I can be that he knew what he was doing! And I am just as certain that the drive to glorify him now is just as much a Communist project. Through it, the Communists expect to raise millions of dollars to help further their programs, to gain even wider acceptance for their campaign of civil turmoil, and to further divide the American public.

But none of this has to happen. Although many Americans are still deceived about Martin Luther King, more and more are learning the truth. I want to assure every reader that what I've said here *is* the truth. I urge everyone to investigate this crucial issue further. Please, *make sure of the truth*. For it is only through honest information and sincere efforts that the problems this country faces can be solved.

This pamphlet is being distributed as a public service by the nationwide network of TACT Committees. Our purpose is simply to help spread the Truth About Civil Turmoil. We believe that good Americans of every race and of every religion should know that flagrant lawlessness, violence-producing "non-violence," racist cries about "white racism," and repeated demands for "massive federal intervention" are part of a Communist program for a Communist conquest.

We hope the information in this brochure will cause more Americans to reflect on the real nature and the subversive intent of the campaign to confer "sainthood" on a man who collaborated closely with Communists, who accepted directions and funds from Communists, and who furthered Communist purposes all of his adult life.

For more information on this important issue, we recommend the following materials. All of them can be ordered through our Committee or by writing directly to our national headquarters:

**The Civil Rights Packet**, a collection of articles and pamphlets, including two Communist booklets and the outstanding study, *Color, Communism and Common Sense* by Manning Johnson, a Negro and former top Communist. (\$1.00)

**The TACT Packet**, eight articles and pamphlets on civil turmoil, plus the definitive study of the "civil rights" movement, *It's Very Simple* by Alan Stang. (\$1.00)

**I Testify**, by Mrs. Julia Brown, the autobiography of one of America's bravest patriots and a stirring account of courage, determination, and dedication to freedom. (\$1.50)

**The Sandersville Story**, a brief pamphlet on the terrorist tactics used by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Sandersville, Georgia, to force Negroes to accept the creation of a socialist community - a *soviet!* (10 copies for \$1.00)

*Additional copies of this pamphlet are available in any quantity at fifty copies for one dollar.  
Order from: TACT Headquarters, 395 Concord Avenue, Belmont, Massachusetts 02178.*

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May 6, 1970

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Martinez, California 94553

Dear [redacted]

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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[Redacted]  
Martinez, Ca. 94553

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Dear Mr. Hoover -

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I belong to the [Redacted] Church [Redacted] and they are going to hold a meeting to promote the recognition of Mr. Martin L. King's birthday. I have been lead to believe that Mr. King used Christianity as a "cover up" and that he was really communistically enclined. I know you would know the answer to this and I would like to learn the truth. I am very much against communism and want to be led in this matter.

Thank you for your services

In Christian Love-

[Redacted]

(77 yr. old widow)

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Martinez, Ca. 94553

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CORRESPONDENCE

April 29, 1970

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Stamford, Connecticut 06905

b7(c)

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter was received on April 24th. In reply to your inquiry, information in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I am enclosing some material, however, which you may find of interest.

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Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

I would like to know some facts about Dr. Martin Luther King. I have been told many different things about him. Now I would like to know the real truth!

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I am 10 years old and in the fifth grade at the [redacted] in Stamford Conn.

I would like to know your opinion and as many facts as possible. Thank-you very much.

Sincerely,

[redacted signature]

Please mail to:

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[redacted address]

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CORRESPONDENCE

April 21, 1970

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[Redacted]

Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061

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Dear [Redacted]

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In reply to the inquiry in your letter of April 14th,  
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because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters  
of a confidential nature. I regret I cannot be of assistance to you in  
this instance.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Glen Burnie, Md. 21061  
April 14, 1970

Director J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Sir:

I respectfully request any information you could furnish me regarding Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Communist party. I have seen a photograph of a Communist cell meeting and Martin Luther King, Jr. was one in attendance.

Could you possibly send me a copy of this photograph, if available, and any other information concerning this subject as it would clarify our discussion in my class at high school.

I believe all facts should be made known about any and all persons that are in the public eye and are connected with our government in any way, especially since Communism is such a great threat to the free world today.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

b7(c) Sincerely yours,  
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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

(April 13, 1970)

The attached letter was sent to the Director from an anonymous source in Tarentum, Pennsylvania 15084. The letter reads as follows:

"J. Edgar Hoover  
F B I

Dear Sir

I read an article by a well known person who said the F. B. I. has on file records of Martin L. Kings communistic activities. Why cant the F. B. I. make them public at this time when that picture was shown and the riots and they are trying to set aside a day natonally honoring him. I wish you would. It seems a shame so much honor going to a man like than in America. I am not a racist

A citizen"

- MR. TOLSON \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. DELOACH ✓ \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. WALTERS ✓ \_\_\_\_\_
- MR. MOHR \_\_\_\_\_
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- MISS HOLMES \_\_\_\_\_
- MRS. METCALF \_\_\_\_\_
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J. Edgar Hoover  
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Dear Sir

I read an article by a well  
known person who said the F. B. I.  
has on file records of Martin L. King's  
Communist activities. Why can't the F. B. I.  
make them public at this time when  
that picture was shown and the riots  
and they are trying to set aside a  
day nationally honoring him. I wish  
you would. It seems a shame so much  
honor going to a man like that in  
America. I am not a racist

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J. Edgar Hoover  
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Dear [Redacted]

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With respect to the inquiry in your letter of  
April 12th, information concerning the alleged communist  
affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or  
not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice  
regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature.  
I regret I cannot be of help to you in this instance.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Our files contain no record of correspondent.

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Please reply.

Thank You

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COALITION AGAINST RACISM AND FASCISM  
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Re Bureau airtel dated 3/4/70 captioned "Second  
Anniversary of the Death of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., 4/4/70,  
RM."

Enclosed are eleven copies for the Bureau of a  
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b7(D) [REDACTED] the CARF is sponsoring a meeting from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, 4/4/70 at St. Stephen and the Incarnation Church, 16th and Newton Sts., N.W. Various individuals from the WDC area, some of whom are prominently known in racial matters, will appear as speakers.

WFO will cover this activity and furnish the results in a form suitable for dissemination.

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As publicly announced in WDC newspapers, an organization was formed in WDC on December 16, 1969, known as the CARF, consisting of elements of the New Left and peace groups in support of the Black Panther Party (BPP).

The BPP is characterized in the appendix.

As publicly stated in 1967, Marcia Kallen was co-director of the Washington Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam.

The Washington Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam is characterized in the appendix.

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APPENDIX

BLACK PANTHER PARTY, aka  
Black Panther Party for  
Self Defense

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by Bobby George Seale, BPP Chairman, and Huey P. Newton, BPP Minister of Defense. Newton is presently serving a sentence of 2 to 15 years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther", which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service", states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, George Mason Murray, which ends with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is a revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement, "...we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP)

Issues of "The Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

**WASHINGTON MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE  
TO END THE WAR IN VIETNAM  
ALSO KNOWN AS  
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FOR PEACE; WASHINGTON CHAPTER OF THE  
SPRING MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE; WASHINGTON  
MOBILIZATION TO END THE WAR IN VIETNAM;  
WASHINGTON MOBILIZATION FOR PEACE**

Literature which has been circulated by the Washington Mobilization Committee To End The War In Vietnam (WMC) indicates the organization in the past has been known by the various names indicated in the caption.

A first source advised in February, 1967, that at an Organizing Meeting of a group held in Washington, D.C. (WDC) on February 6, 1967, the group tentatively adopted the name "Committee For The Spring Mobilization Against The War In Vietnam". Thereafter, the name of the organization was changed and known as "Washington Chapter Of The Spring Mobilization Committee". The same source stated the name "Washington Mobilization Committee To End The War In Vietnam" (WMC) was adopted by this Committee on May 30, 1967.

The first and a second source have stated that the WMC is the WDC affiliate of the National Mobilization Committee To End The War In Vietnam (NMC) and that the aims and purposes of the organization are to oppose the war in Vietnam and the "draft". The first source stated in May, 1969, that while the WMC makes its own decisions it generally goes along with the plans of the NMC.

The NMC was formerly known as the Spring Mobilization Committee (SMC).

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The SMC is described in the publication entitled "Communist Origin and Manipulation of Vietnam Week (April 8-15, 1967)" a report by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives. On page 53, the report states in part, "Communists are playing dominant roles in both the Student Mobilization Committee and the Spring Mobilization Committee".-

The sources mentioned above have advised that the WMC has no formal membership, no dues, no regular publication, and since late 1968, has had no official headquarters or held regular meetings. During 1968, it did maintain an office at 3 Thomas Circle, WDC.

The second source advised in May, 1969, that Abe Bloom, Helen Gurewitz and Terrill Brumback are the dominating individuals within the WMC. Formerly, the SMC was actively influenced by the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA). While the YSA currently renders support to the WMC when called upon, this affiliation is now primarily restricted to self-serving YSA interests.

A third source advised on February 23, 1955, that Abe Bloom, as of that time, was an individual who supported the Communist Party (CP) policies.

A fourth source advised on February 20, 1964, that Helen Gurewitz was a CP member as of that date.

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A fifth source advised in May, 1969, that Terrill Brumback was until early 1969, an organizer for the YSA; currently he is a member of the Executive Committee of the YSA.

YSA is characterized separately in the Appendix.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 4-10-70

FROM : G. C. Moore *MC*

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ON *2-14-81*

SUBJECT: BOOK REVIEW

"KING: A CRITICAL BIOGRAPHY" (Re Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)  
BY DAVID L. LEWIS  
RACIAL MATTERS M.D.

This is a review of captioned book published in 1970 by Praeger Publishers, Incorporated. The book is being placed in the Bureau library.

SYNOPSIS:

Bureau files contain nothing derogatory identifiable with Lewis. He requested to meet with the Director about his book but was refused. Lewis has attempted a studious political biography of King and not an eulogy. He mentions King's associations with communists and his unsavory private life. He met King and described him as neither socially smooth or intellectually impressive. However, the book overall is favorable to King, particularly with regard to the controversy between the Director and King. Lewis was refused interviews with King's widow, his family, and officials of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and this lack of first-hand information is evident from the book. Lewis reported that Stanley Levison told King that King's position in Vietnam would bankrupt the SCLC. Actually Levison was a prime mover in King's taking this position.

ACTION:

For information.

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- 1-Mr. C. D. DeLoach
- 1-Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1-Mr. G. C. Moore
- 1-Mr. R. D. Cotter (Miss Alta Butler)
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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan  
RE: Book Review  
"King: A Critical Biography"  
By David L. Lewis  
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DETAILS:

REVIEW OF BUREAU FILES

Bureau files indicate that in September, 1968, David L. Lewis, the author of this book, wrote and asked to see the Director. He said that shortly before King's death, Lewis accepted contract to write a political biography of King. He said it would not be a eulogy. His request was refused but he was mailed information on the Bureau's accomplishments in civil rights. There is nothing derogatory in Bureau files which can be identified with Lewis.

BOOK REVIEW:

Lewis, a history professor at Morgan State College, has attempted a studious detached political biography of the life and work of Martin Luther King, Jr. The events he covers are familiar ones - Montgomery, Selma, Albany, Chicago, and Nobel Peace Prize - but Lewis also attempts to deal with the human fallibilities of King, his failures and vulnerabilities, avoiding the "sainthood" frequently bestowed on King by his biographers. Lewis claims that King's political decisions sometimes backfired to the detriment of his civil rights work. For instance, he feels it would have been much better had King openly admitted that he turned back from the second march from Selma to Montgomery to assure continued support from the Kennedy administration instead of skirting the issue in a transparent misrepresentation of the facts.

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The end of the book pictures King as a disillusioned and bewildered person, although Lewis believes that King may have been on the threshold of his life's real work when he was killed.

The book overall is favorable to King, particularly Lewis's account of King's antiwar sentiments which is sympathetic to King.

However, Lewis describes his personal contacts with King and states that he found King neither socially smooth nor intellectually impressive. He says King to him was essentially a preacher whose extraordinary rhetorical abilities were not quite matched by practical intelligence. He continues, however, that in writing this book he was stirred by King and his philosophy but he still feels that his lack of enthusiasm for King's intelligence, although too harsh, was not entirely wrong.

An interesting sidelight to the book is that King's widow, his parents, and the officials of the SCLC refused to be interviewed by Lewis until after the publication of Mrs. King's book about her husband. However, Mrs. King's book appeared before the final revision of Lewis's manuscript was made. Lewis pointedly says that unfortunately he cannot thank these people for their assistance in writing this book.

This apparently irritated Lewis and forced him to admittedly deal in rumors in certain incidents in the book, such as the rumors in connection with King meeting with the Director (which will be discussed in detail later), King's private conduct, and King's connections with communists.

Another incident in the book which is very clearly the result of either a lack of information or the use of misinformation is Lewis's statement on Page 357

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that Attorney Stanley Levison, in charge of SCLC fund raising, advised King that King's Vietnam position would bankrupt the organization. According to Lewis, King replied "I don't care if we don't get five cents in the mail. I am going to keep on preaching my message." Levison, a secret member of the Communist Party as late as 1963, was a moving force in leading King to his position on Vietnam, as early as 1965, urging in the Spring of 1966 that the SCLC adopt a resolution on Vietnam which was stronger than that presented by the organization. If Levison had any opposition to King's position on Vietnam, whether from the fund raising angle or not, he is not known to have shown it. [S]

The lack of depth with regard to Lewis's information about King is also evident elsewhere in the book. In discussing King's problems with communists, Lewis mentions Bayard Rustin and Jack O'Dell. His omission of Levison is enlightening because, although Levison's background and influence on King is not publicly known, SCLC staff members have known about it and resented the communist influence of Levison on the SCLC and on King for sometime. An adequate biographer would certainly have discovered this fact in the time Lewis had to do his research. [S]

MENTIONS OF THE FBI:

The FBI is mentioned by Lewis in connection with the presence of FBI Agents during King's civil rights campaign. On Page 256 Lewis deals with the Director's calling King "The most notorious liar in the country," and the subsequent meeting in the Director's office. Lewis reports on rumors about what happened at this meeting and why, including the possibility that salacious

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details of King's personal life were discussed. Lewis says that despite his public figure, several of King's intimates were aware that King "knew the temptations of physical pleasures."

Except for his references to King's personal conduct, Lewis is partial to King in the matter of the controversy between the Director and King. He mentions the Director's "gratuitous advice" to King and his associates, and the Director's "sympathy inducing histories of obstructionist maneuvers by southern sheriffs" which were reportedly also told to King and his associates. Lewis describes the Director as neither a partisan of civil rights nor a liberal in politics and he said that in the Director's eyes, it was highly conceivable that King was dangerously tainted by his professional relationships with communists. Lewis also claims that there was a rumor at the time that the news media was contacted by persons claiming to be empowered to deliver transcripts of telephone and hotel conversations of King, but that this offer was rejected.

Although these statements were made in such a way that they reflected on the Director and the Bureau, Lewis did state that if, in fact, there are tapes of King's indiscretions, they remain closely guarded secrets. Also he does mention that there is a possibility that there were salacious details available concerning King's private life, which details included members of the SCLC staff.

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Dear [Redacted]

Your communication to the Department of Justice has been referred to this Bureau and was received on April 10th. In reply to your inquiry, information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Department of Justice  
Government of the United States of America  
Washington D.C., U.S.A.

Dear Sirs:

Having recently read the article on "Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Conversations Recorded by the F.B.I." in the magazine Human Events, I would like to be sent as much information on this subject as can be made available to the public. This article by Paul Scott states that Rep. John J. Rooney (D.-N.J.), and other members of a House Appropriations subcommittee as well as speaker John McCormack and Houston Federal Judge Joe Ingraham have found these recorded conversations very controversial as to King's true character to say the least.

Can you send me any information on this matter or at least direct me to the proper departmental source? I have had rebuffs from Encyclopaedia Britannica Research Library to similar queries in the past, so I shall try direct contact with your government agency.

Although I am now living in Canada (by choice since I am an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Army), I still remain a United States citizen and retain a deep interest in current U.S. affairs. If there be a cost for such service, I should be quite ready to pay it, and if it be necessary to limit the sending of such information to the United States proper, I shall request it to be sent to any of my close relatives living there.

I await your reply. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27106

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In response to your letter of April 9th, I regret I am unable to be of assistance to you since information concerning the alleged communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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April 9, 1970

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

As a tax paying private citizen, I am continually hearing that the FBI has documented evidence that Reverend Martin Luther King was a Communist - Now, my Church (United Methodist) is about to bring up a resolution at the General Conference in St. Louis next month to ask that we declare his birthday a National Holiday. *me*

I am not seeking to obtain information that is classified, but I do feel that if the information is so readily available to these rabble rousers that go around making speeches, it should be given to an ordinary citizen who requests it.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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In reply to the inquiry in your letter of  
April 8th, information concerning the alleged communist  
affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or  
not, cannot be released because of Department of Justice  
regulations regarding all matters of a confidential nature.  
I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Re: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Enclosed is a photocopy of an editorial which appeared  
in the Richmond News Leader, June 26, 1969.

I write to ask if you have any information as to the  
authenticity of the wire taps mentioned in this editorial, since  
they were allegedly obtained by the FBI.

My curiosity is prompted by the repeated efforts to  
have Dr. King's birthday declared a national holiday, when it  
appears that there is some evidence that he was engaged in disloyal  
activities.

Sincerely yours,

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## Why the King Wiretap?

It is not generally known, but the liberals are primarily responsible for the FBI wiretap controversy involving their slain heroes, Senator Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King.

Black columnist Carl T. Rowan, close to both the Kennedys and King, touched off the fireworks in a Washington *Star* article last week, which was quickly amplified by other liberal commentators. Mr. Rowan accused FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover of flouting the law in tapping King's phone and called for his resignation.

The Rowan article was undoubtedly prompted by evidence brought forth in the case of former heavyweight boxing champion Cassius Clay, who is appealing a conviction of draft dodging. The U.S. Supreme Court ordered Houston Federal Judge Joseph Ingraham to hold a special hearing to determine whether illegal wiretap testimony was used to convict Clay. Judge Ingraham pronounced one recorded conversation between Clay and King as a matter of national security and refused to let it be made public.

Responding to the Rowan attack in a low-key, matter-of-fact way, Mr. Hoover pointed out that in June 1963 Senator Kennedy, who was then attorney general, not only proposed that King's phone be tapped but authorized it "in writing." Inasmuch as the attorney general is the FBI director's boss, Mr. Hoover, obviously, was only carrying out his orders.

Mr. Hoover's position on this point has become unassailable with support from President Richard Nixon and former Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach. President Nixon told his televised news conference Thursday evening that he had personally checked into the matter and "found that it (wiretapping) has always been approved by the attorney general." Mr. Katzenbach, who was brought into the government by the Kennedys, confirmed that Mr. Kennedy "personally authorized each telephone wiretap—as had his predecessors and successors. . . ."

Now that it has been established beyond all reasonable doubt that Rob-

ert Kennedy ordered the FBI to put Martin Luther King under surveillance, the natural question arising in the public mind is: why?

The highly-respected, nationally-syndicated columnist Paul Scott last week suggested some reasons:

Summaries of the recordings (of private conversations Dr. Martin Luther King conducted), as revealed to members of the House Appropriations Subcommittee, clearly indicate that King was in direct contact with one of the most influential Communists in the U.S.

With leads obtained from their electronic eavesdropping, the FBI was able to confirm that this Kremlin agent, whose influence extended into the highest ranks of the Communist Party, USA, was one of King's ghost writers and chief advisers.

In addition to evidence gained from the King recordings, the FBI succeeded in taking several photographs of the civil rights leader meeting with this covert Communist operator at one of the major U.S. airports.

. . . These and other still secret details of King's activities were revealed by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover to members of the (House) subcommittee shortly before the civil rights leader was slain.

So alarming was the FBI's data on King that the lawmakers took the extraordinary step of briefing House Speaker John McCormack. . . .

The House Democratic leaders, all strong supporters of the late President Kennedy, were reputedly shocked at the gutter-type language King used in private conversations about the late President.

Other recordings in the FBI files dealt extensively with his private life, according to the legislators, and showed that there were two Kings—one the public knew and the other known only to his closest friends and the FBI.

Should supporters of King, pump new life into the stalled drive in Congress to create a national holiday honoring him, demands could become forthcoming from anti-King legislators that Hoover be called to testify. If that occurs, the 'Martin Luther King tapes' could become big news.

As Columnist Scott suggests, the movement to mark King's birthday as a national holiday, the Houston court hearings, and the renewed national wiretap controversy indicate that the final chapter in the Martin Luther King story is yet to be written.

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Re Savannah airtel to Bureau 4/2/70.

March in Statesboro, Ga., by Negro group in this matter 4/4/70 peaceably completed. Some white students and faculty members, Georgia Southern College, joined with Negro group in commemorative activities at Bulloch County Courthouse, Statesboro, Ga., attended by about 400 persons. No violence and no problems.

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